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Vets, Visitors Flock to Normandy for Ceremonies

British World War II veteran Frederick Glover poses for a photograph as soldiers parachute down during a D-Day commemoration paratroopers launch event in Ranville, western France, Thursday, June 5, 2014, on the eve of the 70th anniversary of the World War II Allied landings in Normandy. D-Day ceremonies on June 6 this year mark the 70th anniversary of the launch of 'Operation Overlord', a vast military operation by Allied forces in Normandy, which turned the tide of World War II, eventually leading to the liberation of occupied France and the end of the war against Nazi Germany.

(AP Photo/Thomas Bregardis, pool)

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Associated Press
COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER, France (AP) — Ceremonies to commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day are drawing thousands of visitors to the cemeteries, beaches and stone-walled villages of Normandy this week, including some of

the few remaining survivors of the largest sea-borne invasion ever mounted. World leaders and dignitaries including President Barack Obama and Queen Elizabeth II will gather to honor the more than 150,000 American, British, Canadian and other Allied D-Day veterans who

risked and gave their lives to defeat Adolf Hitler's Third Reich. For many visitors, the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, with its 9,387 white marble tombstones on a bluff overlooking the site of the battle's bloodiest fighting at Omaha Beach, is the emotional centerpiece of pilgrim-

ages to honor the tens of thousands of men killed on D-Day and the months of fighting afterward. D-Day veteran Clair Martin, 93, said he's come back to Omaha Beach three times in the last 70 years — "four if you count the time they were shooting at me." The San Diego, California

resident landed on D-Day with the 29th Infantry Division and said he kept fighting until he reached the Elbe River in Germany the following April. "I praise God I made it and that we've never had another World War," he said.

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At Press Time:

Hunt on for Canadian suspected in police killings

MONCTON, New Brunswick (AP) — Royal Canadian Mounted Police combed the streets and woods of this normally tranquil city Thursday in search of a man suspected of killing three officers in the deadliest attack on their ranks in nearly a decade. The suspect, armed with high-powered long fire-arms, was spotted three times while eluding the massive manhunt that emptied roads and kept

conference Thursday afternoon. "Our focus remains in the mountain north area." Farrah urged residents to keep their doors locked. "Stay at home, bar your doors and be vigilant," she said. "I know it's hard for families. You are in your house, you are locked, you have your kids, you want to go outside. But the police are saying to stay in." Police were using air support, tactical teams and canine units, she said. Sev-

rying two rifles in a picture released by police on Twitter. At one point, he was seen coming in and out of a wooded area, Snowman said. "He's capable of moving into the wooded area and out," she said. Investigators have not determined a motive for the shooting Wednesday evening, in which three officers were killed while responding to a call about an armed man. Two other

the roads. Mail delivery was suspended. Police commandeered armored trucks and told residents to stay indoors. Commanding Officer Roger Brown said the two wounded officers underwent surgery for non-life-threatening injuries Thursday and he met with their families. One was later released from hospital. "The RCMP family is hurting. As is Moncton, New Brunswick and our country,"



Police keep watch on a house in Moncton, New Brunswick, Thursday, June 5, 2014, as the search continues for a heavily armed gunman suspected of killing three Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers and wounding two others. The two injured officers were being treated for wounds that the RCMP described as non life-threatening.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Marc Grandmaison)

families hunkered in their homes in Moncton, an east coast city where gun violence is rare. Dozens of police officers could be seen in a part of the search perimeter with their weapons drawn, some glancing around buildings. Others, including members of a tactical unit, were patrolling streets within the cordoned off area. Armored security trucks were also visible. "Our search for the suspect is still ongoing," RCMP Cpl. Chantal Farrah told a news

eral hundred officers from New Brunswick and elsewhere from across Canada were involved. "We have deployed a large amount of resources from here and elsewhere, and we are well-equipped to face this situation," Farrah said. The 24-year-old suspect, Justin Bourque, was spotted three times around the search area Thursday morning, said Commander Marlene Snowman. Bourque was wearing military camouflage and car-

officers were wounded. Police declined to identify the dead or injured officers. It was the deadliest attack on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police since four officers were killed by a gunman on a farm in the western Canadian province of Alberta in 2005. That attack remains the deadliest on Canadian police officers in 120 years. Snowman said Bourque was not known to police. Schools and government offices were closed, and the city pulled its buses off

Brown said. The homicides were the first this year in this city of 69,000 people about 180 miles (290 kilometers) east of the Maine border. RCMP Constable Damien Theriault said Moncton had no homicides last year. Police released a map of a large portion of the northwest section of the city, including a heavily wooded area, where they wanted people to remain indoors with their doors locked. Families hunkered down in their basements. □

Body found in the wheel well of Dutch plane

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AMSTERDAM (AP) — Dutch border police say they found a body in the wheel well of a KLM airplane that landed at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport on Thursday, and Norwegian authorities suspect it may be that of a missing teenage boy.

Norwegian police said the body was likely that of a 17-year-old from Larvik, in southern Norway, who went missing Wednesday morning and was the subject of a search by emergency services. They described him as 1.80 meters (six feet) tall and slim with blond hair and freckles. In a statement, the Norwegian police said they couldn't be absolutely sure, "but the description and objects found with the dead person indicate with a high degree of certainty that it is the 17-year-old." They said they have contacted the youth's parents. Sandfjord police chief investigator Merete Torp Nilsen said she believed identifying papers had been found on the victim's body.

Richard Haarman of the Netherlands' border police confirmed the discovery of a body and said investigators believe the victim was a stowaway who was asphyxiated.

"We're being very cautious about saying who we believe this person to be. First because we're not 100 percent certain of his identity, and second, out of consideration for his family" he said.

A photo published on the Web site of Noordholland Dagblad newspaper showed the Embraer 190 on the tarmac, with white sheets shielding its mid-section from view and a coroner's car nearby. The plane's call letters were PH-EZC — which are those of the jet linked to KLM flight 1212 that departed from Sandefjord-Torp airport near Oslo, Norway early Thursday. □

Vets, visitors flock to Normandy for ceremonies

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Ceremonies large and small are taking place across Normandy, ahead of an international summit on Friday in Ouistreham, a small port that was the site of a strategic battle on D-Day. Fireworks lit up the sky Thursday night to mark the anniversary.

French President Francois Hollande's decision to invite Russian President Vladimir Putin to participate in the official ceremony despite his exclusion from the G-7 summit in Brussels is being seen by some as justified recognition of the Soviet Union's great sacrifice in defeating Hitler, but by others as a distraction given the West's dispute with Russia over Ukraine.

Russian paratroopers joined the commemorations late Thursday, jumping down onto the town of Arromanches waving a Russian flag, in a reminder of their role fighting the Nazis on the eastern front in World War II and the millions of lives the Soviet Union lost. The Russians' participation comes despite tensions between the U.S. and Russia over Ukraine.

With many D-Day veterans now in their 90s, this year's anniversary has the added poignancy of being the last time that many of those who took part in the battle will be able to make the long journey back to Normandy and tell their stories.

"Three minutes after landing a mortar blew up next to me and I lost my K-rations," said Curtis Outen, 92, of Pageland, South Carolina. Outen, making his first return to Normandy since the war, related the loss of his military-issued meal packet as though it happened yesterday. "Then I cut my arm in the barbed wire entanglements. After that I was all right."

By midmorning hundreds of visitors walked among the cemetery's long rows of white crosses and stars of David. Schoolchildren and retirees, soldiers in uniform



British World War II veteran Jock Hutton, center, 89, stands following his landing after he and teams of French, US, Canadian and British paratroopers jumped from aeroplanes during a D-Day commemoration in Ranville, western France, Thursday, June 5, 2014, on the eve of the 70th anniversary of the World War II Allied landings in Normandy. (AP Photo/Thomas Bregardis, pool)

and veterans in wheelchairs quietly move from grave to grave, pausing to read the brief inscriptions that can only give hints of the lives laid to rest there: Edward H. Gesner, Pvt 116 Inf, 29 Div, Massachussets, July 1 1944.

Richard Frank Geigner, PFC 298 Engr Combat Bn, Illinois, June 6, 1944.

Louis Carter Jr, Pvt 8 Inf 4 Div, New Jersey, July 26, 1944.

One young woman stood quietly in soft rain, hand over her heart, and tearfully placed a red rose at a tombstone which read "Here Rests in Honored Glory a Comrade in Arms Known But to God."

"I just wanted to pay tribute," said Marissa Neitling, 30, of Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Nearby, retired lawyer Paul Clifford of Boston knelt silently and placed a bouquet of red, white and blue flowers at the grave of Walter J. Gunther Jr., a paratrooper of the 101st Airborne Division killed on D-Day.

Clifford said the grave belonged to a relative of his best friend in Boston. □

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Obama and Western allies: Putin faces critical choices

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Laying out clear conditions, President Barack Obama and Western allies opened a pathway for Russia to ease tensions in Ukraine on Thursday but pointedly warned Moscow it could face new sanctions within weeks if Vladimir Putin fails to go along.

The leaders, who were gathered in Brussels for a wealthy-nations summit, said the Russian president could avoid tougher penalties in part by recognizing the legitimacy of the new Ukrainian government and ending support for an insurgency in eastern cities that is widely believed to be backed by the Kremlin. There was no mention

of rolling back Russia's annexation of the Ukrainian region of Crimea, which precipitated the European crisis.

"We are at a point where Mr. Putin has the chance to get back into a lane of international law," Obama said during a news conference with British Prime Minister David Cameron. But Obama also said the West "can't simply allow drift" in Ukraine, where insurgents continue to clash with government forces in eastern cities.

From Brussels, Obama and other leaders jetted to France ahead of events marking Friday's 70th anniversary of the D-Day Normandy invasion that paved the way for the Allied victory in World War II. This time Putin was on the



Group of 7 leaders from front center right clockwise, U.S. President Barack Obama, French President Francois Hollande, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, European Council President Herman Van Rompuy, European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso

and British Prime Minister David Cameron a G7 summit at the EU Council building in Brussels on Thursday, June 5, 2014. (AP Photo/Geert Vanden Wijngaert)

scene. And Cameron, French President Francois Hollande and German Chancellor Angela Merkel each were using the commemorations as a backdrop for separate meetings with the Russian president, who arrived in Paris. Hollande in particular appeared to be embracing the diplomatic mantle, hosting Putin at Elysee Palace Thursday night just after finishing dinner with Obama at a Paris restaurant.

The willingness of Western leaders to meet face-to-face with Putin for the first time since he annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine marked a noticeable shift in tactics. While leaders have spoken with Putin by phone during the crisis, they had avoided meeting him in person and boycotted the summit he was to host in Russia this week, choosing instead to meet without him in Brussels. It was the group's first similar summit in two decades without the participation of Russia.

Obama was not scheduled to hold a formal meeting with Putin, though the two men were expected to have some contact at a leaders lunch Friday

in Normandy. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who have met frequently during the crisis, huddled in the French capital Thursday evening. Aides said Obama was pressing Hollande, Cameron and Merkel to outline for Putin the specific conditions he would have to meet in order to avoid more sanctions. The West wants Putin to recognize the results of Ukraine's May 25 election and start a dialogue with President-elect Petro Poroshenko, end support for the pro-Russian insurgency in eastern Ukraine and stop the flow of arms across the Russian border. Western leaders voiced some cautious optimism that Putin may be shifting his view of the situation, noting that he did not reject the results of Ukraine's elections outright, nor was there any overt Russian interference in the voting. But with violence still raging near Russia's border with Ukraine, it remained unclear whether Putin was ready to fully de-escalate the months-long crisis or whether the West's threat of more sanctions could push him in that direction. □

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New York City stabbing suspect charged with murder

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)—A recently released convict was charged by New York City police Thursday with murder, attempted murder, assault and other crimes in the stabbing death of a 6-year-old boy and critical wounding of a 7-year-old

blocks away from Sunday's scene, police said.

St. Hubert, 27, hasn't formally been formally charged in those two stabbings and investigators are still testing forensic evidence, police said.

St. Hubert, who was released from prison on May 23 following a five-year

He eventually pleaded guilty in July 2012 and served almost three years of his sentence in city jail or in the custody of the department of mental hygiene, according to court records.

St. Hubert is seen on surveillance video near the Manhattan subway stop where

is recovering in a hospital and is likely to survive his injuries. St. Hubert is also suspected of stabbing to death 18-year-old Tanaya Copeland on Friday, Davis said. A similar knife was recovered at the scene of Copeland's slaying.

Investigators are now reviewing all stabbings city-wide that have occurred since St. Hubert's release. Davis said it appeared St. Hubert was issued a summons for public urination in Brooklyn at about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, before he was identified as a suspect in Sunday's attack.

The father of Prince Joshua Avitto, the 6-year-old boy who was fatally stabbed, said Thursday that if he saw the suspect, he'd ask him, "What made you do this to a little baby?"

St. Hubert was picked up Wednesday night just after 8 p.m. by detectives who had been tracking him and were patrolling the area around his mother's Queens home, police said. He was identified by forensic evidence recovered on the knife at the scene of Sunday's elevator stabbing, according to police. Court records show St. Hubert was found unfit for trial three of the four times he was ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluations following his arrest for assaulting his mother. He also was convicted of assaulting a correction officer in jail, the records show.

The attorney who represented St. Hubert in his attempted murder case didn't immediately return a request for comment. □



People take photos of a poster identifying Daniel St. Hubert, the suspect in the stabbings of two children, one of them which died from their injuries, at a news conference held by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and police, in New York. St. Hubert was charged by New York City police Thursday with murder, attempted murder, assault and other crimes in the stabbing death of a 6-year-old boy and critical wounding of a 7-year-old girl in an elevator.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

girl in an elevator.

Daniel St. Hubert, who was arrested Wednesday night shortly after he was publicly identified as a suspect in Sunday's gruesome attack in a public housing building, is also suspected in the stabbing of a homeless man at a Manhattan subway platform three days after Sunday's elevator attack, police said. He's also being eyed in last week's the fatal stabbing of an 18-year-old just

sentence for attempted murder and assault, was in custody and unavailable for comment. He has not made any statements implicating himself and has retained a lawyer, police said. The name of the lawyer was not immediately available.

Court records show St. Hubert was arrested in May 2009 after punching his mother in the face, choking her with an electrical cord and stealing her car.

a man was stabbed on a platform Wednesday, said Stephen Davis, the police department's top spokesman.

Witnesses to Wednesday morning's seemingly random stabbing also described a man resembling St. Hubert using an 8-to-10-inch (20-25 centimeter) knife with a brown handle similar to one recovered on St. Hubert when he was arrested, Davis said. The 53-year-old homeless man

Police: University staff disarmed gunman; 4 shot

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SEATTLE (AP)—Seattle police say Seattle Pacific University staffers disarmed a lone gunman who entered a building, shot four people and started to reload. A hospital spokeswoman says one man has died and three other people are injured, one critically.

Police say the gunman is under arrest and the Otto Miller building where the Thursday afternoon shooting took place has been secured.

Harborview Medical Center spokeswoman Susan Gregg says a man in his 20s has died and a critically injured 20-year-old woman has been taken to surgery. Gregg says a 24-year-old

man and a 22-year-old man are in satisfactory condition.

Gregg says the hospital is not expecting any more injured people from the shooting.

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GM ousts 15 employees over ignition-switch scandal

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AP Auto Writers

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — General Motors said Thursday that it has forced out 15 employees for their role in the deadly ignition-switch scandal and will set up a compensation fund for crash victims, as an internal investigation blamed the debacle on engineering ignorance and bureaucratic dithering, not a deliberate cover-up.

GM took more than a decade to recall 2.6 million cars with bad switches that are now linked to at least 13 deaths by the automaker's count.

"Group after group and committee after committee within GM that reviewed the issue failed to take action or acted too slowly," Anton Valukas, the former federal prosecutor hired by the automaker to investigate the reason for the delay, said in a 315-page report. "Although everyone had responsibility to fix the problem, nobody took responsibility."

GM CEO Mary Barra said more than half the 15 em-

ployees forced out were senior legal and engineering executives who failed to disclose the defect and were part of a "pattern of incompetence." Five other employees have been disciplined, she said, without identifying any of them.

The automaker said it will establish a compensation program covering those killed or seriously injured in the more than 50 accidents blamed on the switches. GM said not say how much money will be involved, but a Wall Street analyst estimated the payouts will total \$1.5 billion.

Barra called the report "brutally tough and deeply troubling."

The report lays bare a company that operated in "silos," with employees who didn't share information and didn't take responsibility for problems or treat them with any urgency.

Valukas also portrayed a corporate culture in which there was heavy pressure to keep costs down, a reluctance to report problems up the chain of command, a skittishness about putting safety concerns on

paper, and general bureaucratic resistance to change.

He described what was known as the "GM nod," in which "everyone nods in agreement to a proposed plan of action but then

death toll at more than 60. "It's somewhat comforting to realize that they do know that some things were done incorrectly and they're aware of that. They made the appropriate measures to make sure it

when the engines shut off, and they didn't realize the air bags became disabled — even after police, academic experts and others outside GM had recognized the problem, according to the report.



General Motors President Dan Ammann, left, CEO Mary Barra, and Executive Vice President Mark Reuss, hold a news conference at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, Mich., Thursday, June 5, 2014. Barra said 15 employees — many of them senior legal and engineering executives — have been forced out of the company for failing to disclose a defect with ignition switches, which the company links to 13 deaths. Five other employees have been disciplined.

(AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)

leaves the room and does nothing."

Valukas exonerated Barra and two other top executives, Mark Reuss, chief of global product development, and general counsel Michael Millikin, saying there is no evidence they knew about the problems any earlier than last December.

Since February, GM has recalled 2.6 million older-model Chevrolet Cobalts, Saturn Ions and other small cars because their ignitions can slip out of the "run" position and shut off the engine. That disables the power-assisted steering and brakes, making it difficult to control the car, and deactivates the air bags. Trial lawyers suing the company put the

doesn't happen again," said Ken Rimer, whose 18-year-old stepdaughter, Natasha Weigel, was killed in a 2006 Cobalt crash in Wisconsin.

Last month, GM paid a record \$35 million fine for failing to promptly report the bad ignition switches to federal highway safety regulators. Federal prosecutors are also investigating and could bring criminal charges against the automaker and some of its employees.

Deep within the company, engineers and others believed the ignition switch flaw was a "customer convenience" issue rather than a safety problem, the report said. Engineers believed that the cars could still be adequately steered

Around GM, engineers were instructed not to use words like "dangerous," "defect" or "safety" when describing problems in writing, which contributed to the lack of urgency in dealing with the problem, Valukas wrote. In addition, some workers told Valukas they did not take notes at safety meetings because they believed GM lawyers didn't want a paper trail. In 2005, according to documents supplied recently to Congress, GM failed to make a repair of the switch that would have cost just 57 cents. In his report, Valukas said he found no evidence that any employee made "an explicit trade-off between safety and cost" in dealing with the switch. □



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US data readings show economy has momentum

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For months, the weather has dominated discourse about the economy. Analysts attributed the dearth of shoppers, the weak employment numbers and the overall decline in economic activity to the cold and snow in the eastern half of the nation, the freakish storms in the South and Midwest, and the drought in the West.

But finally a set of numbers is emerging that takes the temperature of the economy without the taint of severe weather. And although some of the data is disappointing - for starters, exports slowed in April and productivity gains have been modest - overall, the economy appears to be getting back on a moderate growth path after the setbacks of the first quarter. "You're getting an underlying look at what the economy looks like," said John Canally, an economist for LPL Financial. "And it looks good, though it's not all the way back to where it's been."

This week, the U.S. Commerce Department said total April exports of \$193.3 billion and imports of \$240.6 billion resulted in a goods and services deficit of \$47.2 billion, hitting a two-year high and up from a revised \$44.2 billion in March.

The exports declined from March by 0.2 percent, as the imports rose 1.2 percent, driven by an increase in consumer goods, capital goods, automotive vehicles, parts and engines, as well as food and beverages and other items.

The numbers, along with other statistics released in recent days, indicate an upswing in business activity and expectations for greater spending in the months ahead, economists said. □

US Financial Front:

Applications up slightly for American jobless aid

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Slightly more Americans sought unemployment benefits last week, but claims for jobless aid continue to be anchored near seven-year lows.

The Labor Department said Thursday that weekly applications for unemployment benefits rose 8,000 to a seasonally adjusted 312,000. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, fell to 310,250. That's the lowest average since June 2007.

Applications are a proxy for layoffs, so the running average suggests employers are letting go of fewer workers. When businesses are confident enough to hold onto staff, they may also step up hiring. That is a positive sign ahead of May's jobs report to be released Friday and indicates steady hiring in the months ahead.

"The claims data suggest sustained better payrolls are in the pipeline," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics. Shepherdson added that the pace of hiring would quicken "sooner or later," though he cautioned that a "blockbuster" increase in jobs last month was unlikely.

Fewer Americans are also receiving benefits. The number of recipients declined to 2.6 million, the lowest level since October 2007.

The decline in applications since the start of the year has been accompanied by solid job growth, despite an economy that struggled to grow dur-

ing the winter.

The economy shrank at an annual rate of 1 percent during the first three months of 2014, primarily because freezing winter weather slowed factory output and consumer spending.



Recruiter Valera Kulow, left, speaks with job seeker Leonardo Vitiello during a career fair in Dallas. The Labor Department reported mixed data on the number of people who applied for unemployment benefits last week on Thursday, June 5, 2014.

(AP Photo/LM Otero)

Still, the pace of hiring was steady and has accelerated this spring.

Employers added 288,000 jobs in April, the most in 2 1/2 years, and the unemployment rate dropped to 6.3 percent from 6.7 percent. But that steep decline mostly occurred because fewer people than usual began look-

ing for work. The government doesn't count people as unemployed unless they are actively searching.

In the first four months of this year, employers have added an average of 214,000 jobs a month, up from

194,000 last year. The government issues its May jobs report on Friday. Economists expect 220,000 jobs were created in May, according to a FactSet survey. But payroll processor ADP said Wednesday that private employers pulled back on hiring in May, adding just 179,000 jobs. □

US household wealth hit high in first quarter

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rising stock markets and home prices helped lift U.S. household wealth to a record in the first three months of the year.

The Federal Reserve said Thursday that household net worth increased \$1.5 trillion in the first quarter to \$81.8 trillion. The gain was driven by higher home prices, which boosted Americans' home values \$758 billion. A rising, if choppy,

stock market pushed up stock and mutual fund holdings \$361 billion.

Checking account balances, pensions plan assets and retirement savings, such as 401(k)s, also rose.

The Fed's figures aren't adjusted for population growth or inflation. And the wealth is flowing mainly to affluent Americans: Roughly 10 percent of households own about 80 percent of stocks. Since the first quarter ended, stock and

home prices have risen further, boosting household wealth even higher.

Still, the rise in wealth could benefit the broader economy. Consumers who feel richer because of larger stock portfolios or rising home values typically spend more.

Household wealth, or net worth, reflects the value of homes, stocks, bank accounts and other assets minus mortgages, credit cards and other debts.

The Great Recession bat-

tered Americans' net worth. Overall wealth fell to \$55.6 trillion in the first quarter of 2009, 19 percent below the pre-recession peak of \$68.8 trillion.

Since then, a surging stock market and rising home prices have rebuilt the lost wealth and pushed it to new highs. That's given many people more confidence to borrow. Total household debt rose 2 percent in the first quarter, mostly because of rising student and auto loans. □

APNewsBreak: Obama health care nominee withdraws

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's choice to be the top health official at the embattled Veterans Affairs Department has withdrawn his nomination.

The news comes amid a firestorm over long patient waits at military veterans' medical facilities and covering up delays, a headache for Democrats ahead of November congressional elections.

Murawsky now oversees seven VA hospitals and 30 clinics, including one in suburban Chicago where there are allegations that its staff used secret lists to conceal long patient wait times for appointments.

The White House said in a statement that Murawsky feared a prolonged fight over his confirmation, adding that he believes the role is too important not to be filled quickly.

Obama accepted Murawsky's withdrawal and will move quickly to find a replacement, the White House statement said.

Murawsky's withdrawal

comes as the Senate reached agreement for a bipartisan bill expanding veterans' ability to get government-paid medical

Chairman Bernie Sanders and Republican Sen. John McCain. The bill would allow veterans who experience long waits for VA

ernment programs. The bill's goal is to address an uproar over veterans' health care following reports veterans have died

official electronic Veterans Administration appointment list have died. Gibson said he does not know whether the 18 new deaths were related to long waiting times for appointments but said they were in addition to the 17 reported last month by the VA's inspector general.

The 18 veterans who died were among 1,700 veterans identified in a report last week by the VA's inspector general as being "at risk of being lost or forgotten." The investigation also found broad and deep-seated problems with delays in patient care and manipulation of waiting lists throughout the sprawling VA health care system, which provides medical care to about 9 million veterans and family members. Gibson took over the VA temporarily last Friday after former Secretary Eric Shinseki, an ex-Army general, resigned under pressure. Taking care of the 1,700 veterans left off the Phoenix list is his top priority as VA chief, Gibson said during a tour of VA facilities in Phoenix, where the furor started. □



Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Sloan Gibson speaks, Thursday, June 5, 2014, in Phoenix. It was Acting Secretary Gibson's first visit to Phoenix since taking over the agency amid an investigation that found 1,700 veterans were kept off the official waiting list for care at the troubled Arizona hospital. (AP Photo/Matt York)

care outside Veterans Affairs hospitals and clinics. The framework agreement was announced Thursday on the Senate floor by Veterans Affairs Committee

appointments or who live at least 40 miles (64 kilometers) from a VA hospital or clinic to use private doctors enrolled as providers for Medicare or other gov-

while waiting to see a VA doctor.

Acting VA Secretary Sloan Gibson said Thursday an additional 18 veterans in the Phoenix area whose names were kept off an of-

US Catholic group exempt from contraceptives rule

TIM TALLEY
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A federal judge has temporarily prevented the U.S. government from forcing nearly 200 Catholic employers to provide insurance coverage for contraceptives under President Barack Obama's health care law.

The Catholic Benefits Association filed a lawsuit in March alleging that a provision of the Affordable Care Act forced them to violate their religious objections to contraception and abortion-inducing drugs. On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge David Russell of Oklahoma City granted an injunction that exempts members from any fines or penalties arising from not complying with the provision while their objections are litigated.

The association — which includes archdioceses, an insurance company and a nursing home across almost 2,000 Catholic parishes around the U.S. — believes in the Catholic teaching that their ministries should include health care to their employees. But members "also believe in the Catholic teaching that any artificial interference with the creation and nurture of new life is wrong," Russell said.

"The harm posed to these plaintiffs absent relief is quite tangible — they will either face severe monetary penalties or be required to violate their religious beliefs," he said.

An attorney for the government, trial attorney Bradley P. Humphreys of the U.S. Department of Justice, declined to comment Thursday on the judge's ruling. □



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Kenya: US Embassy increases defenses amid threat

JASON STRAZIUSO

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) —

The Marine stood behind a camouflaged sand-bag bunker atop the U.S.

gate Mall, said a Kenyan police official who insisted on anonymity to talk about security matters.

The terror group has also shown interest in attacking

terror in Kenya: The first improvised explosive device explosion was in August 2012. Then militants began

using remote controlled IEDs and brought into Kenya a massive, complex car bomb this year that the

FBI disarmed. Militants now also use multiple IEDs in a single attack, and gunmen on suicide missions. □



In this September, 2013 file photo, heavy black smoke rises from the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya after multiple large blasts rocked the mall during an assault by security forces after gunmen threw grenades and opened fire during an attack that left multiple dead and dozens wounded. More than 15 years after al-Qaida destroyed the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi with a massive truck bomb that killed more than 200 people, fear is rising that U.S. diplomatic personnel and property could again be targeted, with U.S. Ambassador Robert Godec telling a town hall meeting in late May 2014 "We know that there's a threat, and we know it's serious" and armed Marines now being stationed on the embassy's roof.

(AP Photo/Jerome Delay)

Embassy in Nairobi and scanned the horizon with binoculars. What he saw was a busy street that officials fear is full of targets for an attack by al-Qaida-linked militants because diplomatic missions are in the neighborhood.

More than 15 years after al-Qaida destroyed the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi with a massive truck bomb that killed more than 200 people, fear is rising that U.S. diplomatic personnel and property could again be targeted. Armed Marines are now stationed on the embassy's roof, one indication of recent security upgrades.

Intelligence has been circulating in the region the last two months that American interests are the next intended target for al-Shabab, an al-Qaida linked group in Somalia responsible for last year's attack on Nairobi's West-

gate Mall, just north of Somalia, and there were indications that the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia was being considered as a target last year, said Matt Bryden, the former head of the United Nations Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea and a top expert on al-Shabab. Ambassador Robert Godec last week told some 400 Americans at a town hall meeting: "We know that there's a threat, and we know it's serious." Diplomats have indicated that global terrorists affiliated with al-Qaida are moving in to the region.

The embassy looks likely to scale back the number of U.S. personnel stationed in Kenya, in part by reducing or moving the East Africa mission for the U.S. aid agency USAID.

The embassy's top security officer, Marion Cotter, detailed the evolution of



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Egypt president decrees sexual harassment a crime

MAGGIE MICHAEL

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's outgoing president on Thursday decreed sexual harassment a crime punishable by up to five years in prison, a much-anticipated move toward combating the abuse deeply rooted in this Mideast country.

The decree was among several last-minute decisions by President Adly Mansour who is to hand over power on Sunday to president-elect, Egypt's former military chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

In another significant decision, Mansour issued a decree on parliamentary elections and the division of parliament seats between independent candidates and political parties ahead of the upcoming national balloting, expected in a few months. The distribution of seats is important since the decree gives three quarters of the seats to independent candidates, thus weakening political parties — and tips the balance of power in favor of the president.



Supporters of Egypt's president-elect Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi wave national flags and his poster as they celebrate the official announcement declaring him the next president of Egypt in front of the Presidential Palace, in Cairo, Egypt, Thursday, June 5, 2014. President-elect, the former army chief el-Sissi, told Egyptians it is now "time to work" to rebuild the economy after he was officially declared the landslide winner of last week's election, restoring a career military man to the country's top office. Arabic reads, "viva Egypt, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi for Egyptian presidency."

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

The anti-sexual harassment decree amends the country's current laws, which did not criminalize sexual harassment and only vaguely

referred to such offenses as indecent assault.

In Egypt, violence against women in public space has grown over the past three years of turmoil since the 2011 ouster of autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

The decree says harassers face between six months to five years in prison, with harsher sentences reserved for offenders holding a position of power over their

victims, like being a woman's superior at work or being armed with a weapon. The decree also defines a sexual harasser as a person seeking to achieve "an interest of a sexual nature," according to presidential spokesman Ehab Badawi. Offenders would be prosecuted whether they commit harassment in public or in private, and repeat offenders would see

their sentences doubled, Badawi said.

Along with the maximum five-year sentence, offenders would be fined up to 5,000 Egyptian pounds, or about \$714, with the maximum fine reserved for harassers who use a weapon or pressure.

The decree acts as an amendment to existing laws, which may disappoint some women's rights activists who have demanded completely new legislation on the issue.

Last year, a joint report by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Egypt's Demographic Center and the National Planning Institute found that more than 99 percent of hundreds of women surveyed in seven of the country's 27 provinces reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment, ranging from minor harassment to rape.

The breakdown in the police force in the wake of the 2011 uprising that ousted Mubarak left the streets in Egypt even more unsafe for women. Over the past three years, including under the year-long rule of Mubarak's successor, Islamist President Mohamed Morsi, there have also been multiple mass sexual assaults on women during political protests.

Yemen:

Al-Qaida militants hit army post, killing 12

AHMED AL-HAJ

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Al-Qaida militants on Thursday attacked an army post southeast of Yemen's capital, Sanaa, killing 11 soldiers and one civilian, security officials said.

The early morning attack took place in the Beehan area in the province of Shabwa, the officials said but provided no other details.

Five soldiers were also wounded in the attack, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were

not authorized to speak to the media. The United States considers Yemen's al-Qaida branch — known as Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula — to be the most dangerous affiliate of the global terror network, following a number of attempted attacks on the U.S. homeland that were linked to the Yemen-based group.

The group overran large swaths of territory in southern Yemen in 2011 during an Arab Spring-inspired uprising, but the military has pushed back, and over

the past few weeks security forces have stepped up an offensive to drive militants from their strongholds.

Defense Ministry spokesman Col. Saeed al-Faqeeh said Thursday that troops have killed 500 al-Qaida militants and captured another 37 in fighting since late April in the provinces of Shabwa and Abyan, both considered al-Qaida strongholds.

At least 40 soldiers were killed and some 100 were wounded over the same period, said the spokesman. That's not counting Thursday's casualties.



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IMF: Containing China's financial risks a priority

JOE McDONALD
AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — The International Monetary Fund urged China on Thursday to make a priority of containing financial risks that stem from its rising debt. Beijing should avoid launching more economic stimulus unless growth drops well below this year's official target of 7.5 percent, said the IMF's first deputy managing director, David Lipton, after meeting Chinese officials. Rising debts owed by local governments and uncertainty about largely unregulated informal lending have fueled concerns China's economic slowdown might cause a rise in defaults and hurt its financial system. Chinese authorities have begun tightening controls. Lipton said Beijing still has room to prevent an abrupt slowdown in economic growth but risks are rising and regulators need to do more.

"We consider that vulnerabilities have risen to the point where containing them should be a priority," he said at a news conference.

Beijing is trying to steer the world's second-largest economy to growth based on domestic consumption instead of imports and investment following a decade of breakneck expansion.

Economic growth slowed to 7.4 percent in the three months ending in March, down from the previous quarter's 7.7 percent.

Chinese leaders have ruled out further large-scale stimulus but have launched a series of targeted measures in response to weak export growth and a decline in housing prices. □

ECB takes raft of new steps to avoid deflation

BY DAVID McHUGH

AP Business Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— The European Central Bank on Thursday cut interest rates and took a raft of unconventional steps to prevent the 18-country eurozone from sliding into a bout of deflation that could kill off a muted economic recovery.

The ECB's steps aimed to raise inflation and increase the flow of credit in an economy where lending is weak. They include cheap, long term loans to banks, tied to the understanding banks would loan the money to businesses, boosting growth.

And for the first time ever, it took the untested step of imposing a negative interest rate on money that banks deposit with it, from zero to minus 0.1 percent. That would push the banks to lend the money, not hoard it. It also cut its main interest rate, the refinancing rate, from 0.25 percent to 0.15 percent.

The actions contributed to a rally in European stock markets and a further fall in the value of the euro.

Announcing the new measures, ECB President Mario Draghi told a press conference that the central bank would:

—Offer long-term loans to banks at cheap rates until 2018. The targeted loans would be charged a fixed rate, meaning that the rate could not rise, even if the ECB raises its benchmark. That gives banks confidence they have cheap funding out through 2018. The amounts they can borrow will be tied to the amounts banks lend to companies.

—Start doing "preparatory work" on a program to buy batches of loans to



The President of the European Central Bank Mario Draghi speaks during a news conference in Frankfurt, Germany, Thursday, June 5, 2014. The European Central Bank has cut two key interest rates, one of them into negative territory — a highly unusual step that underlines the urgency of its efforts to keep the eurozone economy from sliding into crippling deflation. It reduced its main interest rate, the refinancing rate, from a record low of 0.25 percent to 0.15 percent. More drastically, it also cut the rate it pays on money deposited by banks from zero to minus 0.1 percent, an unprecedented step for the ECB that aims to push banks to lend money rather than hoard it.

(AP Photo/Michael Probst)

small businesses in the form of bonds, a step to funnel more credit to companies through financial markets.

—Stop collecting weekly deposits aimed at offsetting the monetary effects of earlier bond purchases. That would leave an additional 175 billion euros in the financial system that banks could in theory use to lend to each other or to companies. Draghi also did not close the door to a still more drastic step, large-scale purchases of bonds to inject newly created money into the economy. Many economists say that would be the most effective step the bank could take in boosting inflation.

The U.S. Federal Reserve, Bank of Japan and Bank of England have all made such purchases. But the

ECB has held off due to the legal and practice complexities of such purchases in a currency union with 18 different members. Draghi said ECB policymakers were in agreement about pursuing further unconventional measures to boost inflation if it stays too low. That's important because it indicates that Germany's influential Bundesbank, often skeptical of stimulus measures, is on board. Bundesbank head Jens Weidmann has only one vote, but outsized influence because of Germany's role as the eurozone's biggest economy. "In pursuing our price stability mandate, today we decided on a combination of measures to provide additional monetary policy accommodation and to support lending

to the real economy," he said. At last count measure, inflation was 0.5 percent, far below the ECB target of 2 percent. Draghi said inflation this year would be 0.7 percent, down from the previous forecast of 1 percent.

However, he said inflation in 2015 would rise to 1.1 percent and 1.4 percent in 2016. Weak inflation has raised fears the eurozone may slide into outright deflation, a sustained drop in prices that can choke off growth as consumers and companies delay spending in hopes of bargains. The eurozone economy grew only 0.2 percent in the first quarter, and unemployment remains high at 11.7 percent. The new approach caused big movements in the markets. □

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Venezuelan hardliner to remain jailed during trial

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— A prominent leader of Venezuela's opposition, whose arrest has drawn international condemnation, will remain in jail as he awaits trial on charges of inciting violence at anti-government demonstrations.

A judge's ruling before dawn

Thursday followed marathon deliberations lasting three days in which Leopoldo Lopez's attorneys argued that the former mayor was being hounded for his political beliefs.

Lopez, 43, is the head of the combative Popular Will party. Before turning himself in to authorities in February, he had been spearheading a movement to force President Nicolas Maduro's resignation.

Authorities ordered his arrest after three people



In this February 2013 photo, opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez gives a press conference in Caracas, Venezuela. A judge ruled early Thursday, June 5, 2014 that Lopez will remain in jail as he awaits trial on charges of inciting violence at anti-government demonstrations. Authorities ordered his arrest after three people were killed February 12 during clashes between security forces and anti-government protesters that took place after peaceful demonstrations ended.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

were killed February 12 during clashes between security forces and anti-government protesters that

took place after peaceful demonstrations ended. At least 42 people have been killed on both sides in three

months of unrest.

If convicted, the Harvard University-educated politician could face up to more than 13 years in jail.

Maduro's arrest of his opponents has drawn widespread criticism abroad, with Amnesty International calling the charges against Lopez a "politically motivated attempt to silence dissent" at a time of mounting frustration with 57 percent inflation and record food shortages.

Each day of the preliminary hearing began for Lopez around 4 am, when he was woken in his cell at a military prison outside Caracas and taken under heavy police escort to a downtown courtroom, where proceedings lasted late into the night. Journalists and Lopez's wife were barred from attending the hearing.

Even as the government

has been pressing its cases against Lopez, it has launched what appears to be a new legal battle against another fierce opponent, ousted lawmaker Maria Corina Machado.

On Wednesday, Attorney General Luisa Ortega Diaz said Machado and two other opposition politicians had been summoned to testify in an investigation of an alleged US-backed plot to assassinate Maduro. Machado said she had yet to receive the notice and it wasn't clear from the attorney general's remarks if she herself was under investigation.

The government last week released what it said were recent e-mails by Machado in which she discusses the need to "annihilate" Maduro and boasts of having the support of a senior State Department official who is now the US ambassador to Colombia. □

A US veteran, deported and struggling in Jamaica

DAVID MCFADDEN

Associated Press

BOHEMIA, Jamaica (AP)

— Howard Bailey joined the U.S. Navy straight out of high school in Brooklyn figuring he would see the world. He didn't expect to end up back in his native Jamaica, raising pigs and barely getting by in the poor village of his childhood.

The 43-year-old father of two was deported in May 2012 from the U.S. to his Caribbean homeland because he was convicted of a marijuana-related felony drug charge in 1997 — despite the four years he served in the Navy, including a few months on a supply ship during the first Gulf

War.

Weighed down by worry and bone-deep weariness, he wants to get back to his family and the future he thought he was building in Virginia. Bailey was a teenager when he and his siblings followed their mother to New York City as green card holders, and he long considered the United States his home.

"It's so hard," Bailey said, gesturing at a few rough-hewn pigpens and yam vines climbing up bamboo sticks. "I went from owning a successful trucking business and two homes in the U.S., paying my taxes, raising two beautiful children with a beautiful wife to, well, what you see here."



Howard Bailey feeds pigs inside pens that he built at a neighbor's farm in Bohemia, Jamaica. Bailey joined the U.S. Navy straight out of high school in Brooklyn figuring he would see the world. He didn't expect to end up back in his native Jamaica, raising pigs and barely getting by in the poor village of his childhood.

(AP Photo/David McFadden)

Bailey's case has drawn the attention of immigration lawyers and media because his crime seems relatively minor and the punishment extreme. But he's not unique: Thousands of non-citizens who served in the U.S. military have been deported to countries around the globe in recent years, immigrant advocates estimate. The precise number is unknown because the U.S. government does not track deportees by veteran status. It's an uphill battle to return a deportee in Bailey's position to the U.S., said Alisa Wellek, who is assisting him as co-executive director of the New York-based Immigrant Defense Project. □



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EAGLE BEACH - On Saturday June 7 and Sunday June 8 a unique culinary event will be held at all-new Ike's Bistro, the open-air restaurant of Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa in Eagle Beach. Here Japanese-born celebrity chef Yoji Tokuyoshi of Michelin-star restaurant Osteria Francescana in Modena, Italy along with Ike's Bistro Chef Ever de Pena will prepare a special 5-course tasting menu.

Tokuyoshi briefly worked at the world's most famous restaurant, El Bulli and holds eight years at Michelin Star Osteria Francescana, rated # 3 on The World's 50 Best Restaurants. Tokuyoshi met Ever de Pena last year at the Mistura Festival in Lima, one of the largest food events for culinary influencers in the world.

Venezuela-born De Pena grew up in Aruba, studied at EPI and finalized his AI-program in 2010. A chef at Manchebo since 2011, he was responsible for the transformation of former Italian restaurant Giorgio's into Ike's Bistro, which opened in November 2012. To mark the completion of Ike's Bistro US\$350,000 redo and this week's inauguration of its brand new bar and lounge area, De Pena came up with the idea to fly in celebrity chef Tokuyoshi and create a festive, culinary 2-day event. Tokuyoshi practices the Contemporary Cuisine, adding techniques and cultural influences of his own Japanese background to each meal, even if that is a tra-



ditional Italian dish. "At the Ike's Bistro tasting event for instance, I will prepare a traditional Risotto Parmesano, served with 3 different sauces and presented in my own, creative way", says Tokuyoshi.

De Pena is excited about Tokuyoshi's approach and wants to learn from his expertise and Contemporary Cuisine influences, as his style is based on fusion cooking, blending a variety of (international) flavors and tastes. "Bringing Yoji to Aruba is an exciting experience for our customers, yet also an inspiration for me and our future menus."

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I can't wait for this weekend and our unique collaboration to start", De Pena states. The 5-course tasting menu, including a wine pairing is available at US\$90 per person with a choice of 3 seatings each night, at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 pm. Both chefs will make an appearance in the restaurant at a live-cooking station where guests can have a closer look at their culinary

magic. Reservations for this unique culinary event can be made by calling 582-3444 or via email foodbeverage@manchebo.com. The re-do of Ike's Bistro is part of Manchebo's 3-year, US\$ 3 million renovation project that completed this week, with the addition of the new lounge and bar at Ike's. "Our vision for Ike's Bistro is to make this restaurant a culinary hotspot in the Caribbean – says Ed-

gar Roelofs, the Resort's general manager. "Bringing a Michelin-star chef to Aruba, inspiring our own chef Ever de Pena to bring his cooking to a higher level is a step in that direction, along with our brand new look and feel".

Responsible for the interior design and overseeing the entire renovation process at Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa is US-based interior designer Rachel Bowden of DesignYogi. "Our goal was to create a timeless, elegant, yet completely casual environment that would showcase the natural beauty of Aruba, its turquoise ocean and clear blue sky. We relied on nature for our earth-toned color palette, and used sustainably grown and harvested materials wherever possible", Rachel explains. The new Ike's Bistro Lounge features reclaimed wood, sea grass, rattan and bent bamboo furnishings in mellow browns, tans and ivory. Thick hand woven sisal rugs complement each sitting



area creating the perfect island vibe. "The rugs are my absolute favorites," says Rachel. "They really make you want to kick off your flip flops and settle in to read, or enjoy the view while sipping on a refreshing cocktail." The center of the new Ike's bar area features 3 custom hanging driftwood light fixtures. "We went searching for the most interesting pieces of driftwood we could find on the island, brought them to the re-

sort, wrapped them with lighted copper wire, and suspended them over the bar," Rachel elaborates. "To me, attention to detail and these one-of-a-kind touches reflect the heart and soul of the resort." Ike's Bistro is open daily from 7am-11.30am for breakfast and from 5.30pm – 10.30 pm for dinner. Ike's Bistro has a total capacity of 88 seats. For more information, visit manchebo.com or [facebook.com/manchebobeach](https://www.facebook.com/manchebobeach). □

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Longtime MLB fixture Don Zimmer dies at 83

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Don Zimmer, a popular fixture in professional baseball for 66 years as a manager, player, coach and executive, died Wednesday. He was 83.

Zimmer was still working for the Tampa Bay Rays as a senior adviser, and the team confirmed he had died. Zimmer had been in a rehabilitation center in Florida since having seven hours of heart surgery in mid-April.

After starting as a minor league infielder in 1949, Zimmer went on to have one of the longest-lasting careers in baseball history. Zimmer played for the only Brooklyn Dodgers team to win the World Series, played for the original New York Mets, nearly managed the Boston Red Sox to a championship in the 1970s and was Joe Torre's right-hand man with the New York Yankees' most recent dynasty.

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Mickelson opens with 67 at St. Jude Classic

Phil Mickelson watches his fairway shot on the 18th hole during the first round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament Thursday, June 5, 2014, in Memphis, Tenn. Mickelson took a bogey on the hole.
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2012 champ Sharapova awaits Halep in French final

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PARIS (AP) — Might be easier said than done. Still, Maria Sharapova offered a tidy aphorism to sum up the formula that's carried her to a third consecutive French Open final.

"It's not how you finish a first set," Sharapova said, "it's how you finish the last set." Right now, no one is a better closer than she is on clay. Nearing a second championship at Roland Garros, and fifth Grand Slam trophy overall, Sharapova gritted her way to yet another comeback victory, beating 18th-seeded Eugenie Bouchard of Canada 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 in the semifinals Thursday.

"If some things are not working out, I don't just want to quit in the middle. Because when you lose the first set or a few games or you're down a break, that's not the end of the match," Sharapova said. "That's the type of philosophy that I play with."

She famously described herself years ago as feeling like a "cow on ice" on clay, but Sharapova now has won her past 19 matches that went to three sets on the demanding surface. In Saturday's final, the No. 7-seeded Sharapova will face No. 4 Simona Halep, a 22-year-old Romanian who never before had been past the quarterfinals at a major.

Halep turned in a much more straightforward vic-



Russia's Maria Sharapova reacts as she defeats Canada's Eugenie Bouchard during their semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Thursday, June 5, 2014. Sharapova won 4-6, 4-5, 6-2.

tory than Sharapova, eliminating No. 28 Andrea Petkovic of Germany 6-2, 7-6 (4).

"I have a lot of confidence in myself now," said Halep, who a year ago was ranked only 57th and lost in the first round in Paris for the third time since 2010. "I played really well here; a few good matches. But next round will be very tough. I know Maria. She's a great champion."

She is 0-3 against Sharapova. But Halep has claimed seven titles since the start of last season — "Impressive 12 months," she called it — and used her smooth

movement and smart angles to win all 12 sets she's played these two weeks.

Sharapova took a more difficult route to her ninth Grand Slam final.

In the fourth round against 2011 U.S. Open champion Samantha Stosur, Sharapova trailed 6-3, 4-3, then won the last nine games.

In the quarterfinals against 20-year-old Garbine Muguruza, the woman who stunned Serena Williams last week, Sharapova trailed 6-1, 5-4, then won nine of the last 10 games.

That pattern continued against another 20-year-old, Bouchard. After drop-

ping the first set, then standing two games from defeat at 5-all in the second, Sharapova won eight of the last 10 games.

She did it by playing aggressively in crunch time, risking more but also coming through more. After Bouchard's ability to take the ball early helped her build a 13-8 edge in winners in the first set, Sharapova had a 25-16 edge in that category over the last two, celebrating most by shaking her left fist and crying, "Come on!"

"She kind of elevated her game a little bit," said Bouchard, who had been

9-0 in Grand Slam matches when winning the opening set.

This was only Bouchard's fifth major tournament, her second in a row reaching the semifinals.

Less than two years ago, Bouchard was at the junior level, winning the Wimbledon girls' title.

"She is literally just scratching the surface," said Nick Saviano, Bouchard's coach. "She can play a much, much higher level as she goes along. She's going to get faster. She's going to get stronger."

The 27-year-old Sharapova already owns a career Grand Slam, with titles at Wimbledon in 2004, the U.S. Open in 2006, the Australian Open in 2008, and the French Open two years ago. And for someone who used to have a hard time on clay, she is 53-4 with six titles on it since the start of 2012; three of those losses came against Williams, including in the 2013 French Open final.

"Sharapova does a good job of trying to stay in the moment," Saviano said. "She's got a lot of experience and a lot of fight. And she's been around a long time."

Sharapova put aside various problems she had Thursday, including nine double-faults, two that wasted set points at 5-3 in the second. She showed terrific defense and court coverage when it counted most, forcing Bouchard to hit extra shots.

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Zimmer was easily recognizable for the big chaw that always seemed to be in his cheek, and his storytelling was a treat for anyone lucky enough to hear him. Beloved by many, his No. 66 jersey had been worn recently by longtime Tampa Bay third base coach Tom Foley in tribute.

The Rays hosted the Miami Marlins on Wednesday night, and Foley was crying



In this Sept. 1, 2010 file photo, Tampa Bay Rays special advisor Don Zimmer looks on during a baseball game between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Toronto Blue Jays in St. Petersburg, Fla. Associated Press

in the dugout.

Along the way, Zimmer played for Hall of Fame manager Casey Stengel and coached Derek Jeter — quite a span, by any major league measure.

It wasn't always easy, either. Early in his career, he was beamed by a fastball and doctors had to put metal screws in his head. Many years later, Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez tossed Zimmer to the ground during a fight between the Red Sox and Yankees at Fenway Park in

the playoffs.

Zimmer spent time in a lot of uniforms. He played for the Dodgers, Mets, Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati and Washington. He managed San Diego, Boston, Texas and the Cubs.

"Probably the best baseball man I knew," Billy Connors, who coached under Zimmer on the Cubs, told The Associated Press on Wednesday night.

"We had a lot of great times. I loved listening to him every day," he said.

Ben Crane shoots 7-under 63 for lead at St. Jude

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(AP) - Phil Mickelson came to the St. Jude Classic wanting to tune up for the U.S. Open at Pinehurst by finishing strong.

He did just that Thursday.

Mickelson shot a 3-under 67, birdieing three of his final four holes in windy conditions before a thunderstorm softened up TPC Southwind. It was his first round in the 60s since the third round at the Wells Fargo Championship. He hadn't shot below 70 since. He missed the cut at The Players Championship and tied for 49th last week in the Memorial following a visit from FBI agents and lingering questions about an insider-trading investigation. Lefty hasn't won in 19 events dating to the British Open and is among the players in Tennessee tuning up for Pinehurst.

"I did exactly what I need to do and some momentum that I need heading into the U.S. Open," Mickelson said. "Tomorrow's round, the same thing. Finish strong and play a good round."

Ben Crane shot a 7-under 63 giving him the lead in the suspended first round, taking advantage of the 3 1/2-hour delay that left

nearly perfect scoring conditions with no wind and rain-softened greens. He had five of his seven birdies on his final nine, the last a few minutes before play was suspended because of darkness.

Sixty players were unable to finish the round.

Peter Malnati shot a 65, and Billy Horschel also was 5 under with two holes left to play. Retief Goosen and Joe Durant each had a 66, while Stuart Appleby, Zach Johnson and Jason Bohn were on the course at 4 under.

Appleby had a hole-in-one on the 157-yard eighth hole, using a 7-iron. That was his 17th hole, and the last one he completed.

Crane needed only 24 putts for his best round of the season, including a 27-footer for birdie on his final hole at No. 9 with only a handful of people watching because officials closed the course to spectators because of the high winds with the storm.

"We caught a huge break being on this side of the wave," Crane said. "You know this is ideal Memphis weather. It's as good as it gets. It was calm, barely any wind. The greens softened up. We were able to attack some of the pins."



Phil Mickelson tees off on the first hole during the first round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament Thursday, June 5, 2014, in Memphis, Tenn.

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Mickelson, who tied for second at Southwind last year, was among the 53 players who finished before play was delayed. Even with tricky wind Thursday morning, Mickelson said his focus on each shot was much better. He's trying to better visualize the shot and curve his irons so that his approach shots land closer to the hole, giving him more tap-in opportunities.

Finishing with the three birdies in his final four holes was exactly what he wanted in a round with five birdies and two bogeys.

He hit his approach from 135 yards on the par-4 sixth

to 5 feet and rolled in the birdie putt. He left himself longer putts with a 7-footer on the par-3 eighth and an 11-footer on the par-4 ninth, but knocked them in for his strong finish.

"I've been struggling with finishing the round strong," Mickelson said.

"I had a good round last week on Thursday and then played poorly. To birdie three of the last four made it a great round. That's exactly what I need to do."

Firm greens made it tough to land balls close, but Goosen credited them with helping him roll in some of his birdie putts. He sunk a couple from 5 feet or closer,

but also had a couple birdie putts from 14 feet. Goosen also saved par on No. 7 with a 12-foot putt.

"The greens are as good as greens as you can get," Goosen said. "The greens are rolling close to 13 on the stimp meter."

They are really good. You hit the right putt, they are going to go in."

A seven-time winner on the PGA Tour, Goosen hasn't won on tour since 2009. He has two top-10 finishes this year as he continues his comeback from back surgery in August 2012. He tied for third in Memphis in 2011 and said he really likes the course. □

Legends of Golf still breaking ground

RIDGEDALE, Missouri (AP)

— Thirty-six years ago, the first Legends of Golf was such a hit that it sparked interest that led to the creation of the senior tour. The Champions Tour event is still breaking ground.

For the first time in a PGA Tour-sanctioned tournament, a par-3 course is being used. The Jack Nicklaus-designed Top of the Rock at Big Cedar Lodge Resort is no ordinary par-3 layout. "This whole event is going to be spectacular on TV," said Andy North, paired with Tom Watson. "I think that's what's going to be so interesting. Any direction the camera goes is going to be spectacular and we

don't find that very often." The Champions division will play 18 holes on the par-3 course Sunday, the first nine under foursomes and the second at fourball. The Legends division for players 65 and older will play nine holes of fourball.

The opening 36 holes for both divisions will consist of a fourball round on the regulation Buffalo Ridge course and two nine-hole rounds (foursomes and fourball) on the par-3 course.

Watson noted the foursomes — or alternate-shot portion — of the format.

"Plus, we've got the other thing, the alternate shot," the Ryder Cup captain

said. "That's never been played officially in any PGA Tour tournament. It is in the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup, but for official money for the Champions Tour, no, it's never happened before."

Nicklaus is teaming with Gary Player in The Legends division.

"I'm kind of interested in the format, really," Nicklaus said. "I think the format using a par-3 golf course is different, something unique."

Last year, Jeff Sluman and Brad Faxon teamed to win in Savannah, Georgia, edging Fred Funk-Mike Goodes and Kenny Perry-Gene Sauers by a stroke in fourball play. Sluman is



Scott Simpson hits out of a bunker on the ninth green during the final round of the Champions Tour's Principal Charity Classic golf tournament, Sunday, June 1, 2014, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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playing alongside Funk this year, with Faxon unable to play because of a prior commitment.

"It will be interesting how this all unfolds," Funk said. "I think marketing-wise it's

probably a great idea because you're trying to get the concept where people can come out and play a par-3 golf course, and this is not your normal par-3 golf course." □

Myriad factors make winning Triple Crown so tough

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NEW YORK (AP) — Three races in a five-week span at varying distances on different tracks. It's so tough only 11 horses have won the U.S. Triple Crown, and none in 36 years.

It's the longest span without a winner. Now it's California Chrome's turn to try on Saturday at the Belmont Stakes.

The striking chestnut colt with a blaze and four white feet appears to have rebounded well after two hard races in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, with the most exhausting still to come. He'll run 1 1/2 miles (2,400

metres) around Belmont's sweeping oval with 10 rivals gunning to keep history from happening.

Before Affirmed swept the 1978 Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont, 25 years had passed between Citation in 1948 and Secretariat in 1973.

Few can agree on what makes winning the Triple Crown so tough. Often it's a combination of factors that help or hurt a horse, including racing luck and jockey error.

In 2002, War Emblem nearly fell to his knees when the starting gate sprang open, and jockey Victor Espinoza knew right then the colt was doomed. He straggled



California Chrome, with exercise rider Willie Delgado in the saddle, gallops in the rain at Belmont Park race track in Elmont, N.Y., Thursday, June 5, 2014.

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want any horse passing him."

California Chrome has won six straight races in the 3-year-old ranks, and given every indication in his gallops and one official workout at Belmont Park during his nearly three weeks in New York that he likes the deep, sandy track.

Unlike at the Preakness, California Chrome hasn't coughed and he's been eating up all his feed — both welcome signs that he hasn't missed a beat in his preparations.

The distance could catch up with California Chrome, whose modest pedigree suggests he can't do what he's already done. Now it's a question of whether he can run an extra quarter of a mile (400 metres) in the Belmont.

Of course, 10 other horses will have a say in what happens.

"California Chrome is a horse that's going for history, and we're all trying to throw something in his way," said Rick Violette, who will saddle Samraat.

Luck — good or bad — plays a big part in winning the Triple Crown. Bad luck could befall California Chrome in the form of stumbling out of the gate, getting squeezed or bumped by his rivals, or being ganged up on by other horses.

Sometimes jockey error proves costly, too. Riders aren't used to 1 1/2-mile (2,400-metre) races in the U.S., where the focus is on sprinting. Some have mistakenly moved too soon and burned out their horses before the last straight. Others have moved too late and let the leaders get away.

"Some horses absolutely do not want to go a mile and a half and some horses thrive on it," said Billy Gowan, who will saddle 12-1 shot Ride On Curlin, who was second in the Preakness.

"A little bit of luck, a good trip and a fast horse is what it's going to take to beat California Chrome."

home in eighth place, beaten 19 1/2 lengths by a 70-1 shot.

Espinoza gets another shot on Saturday aboard California Chrome, who, if he wins, will have faced down the largest field of any Triple Crown winner.

"It doesn't matter if there are 14 or six horses. He needs to break clean," said Bob Baffert, the only trainer to lose the Belmont three times with horses that won the first two legs, including War Emblem.

California Chrome had been slow out of the starting gate in some of earlier races because of his habit of shifting from one foot to the other. Espinoza will try to keep his head pointed straight and get him to show some early speed leaving the gate.

"With a clean break, he's way better than all the other horses," said Baffert, who will be watching from Southern California.

Trainer Art Sherman often describes California Chrome as a "push-button horse," meaning the colt can respond to whatever Espinoza asks him to do. Tactically, he can run on or near the lead or make a move for the front in the latter stages of a race, like California Chrome did in the Derby and Preakness.

"He's going to probably be galloping on the lead," Sherman said. "He doesn't

Wie, defending champ Park share LPGA Tour lead



Defending champion Hee Young Park, of South Korea, acknowledges the gallery after shooting a 6-under-par 65 for a share of the lead in the first round of the Manulife Financial Classic LPGA golf tournament Thursday, June 5, 2014, in Waterloo, Ontario.

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WATERLOO, Ontario (AP)

— Michelle Wie and defending champion Hee Young Park shared the first-round lead at 6-under 65 on Thursday in the Manulife Financial Classic at wind-swept Grey Silo.

Wie, the winner in Hawaii in April, birdied three of the last four holes in her morning round. She's seeking

her second victory in Canada after winning the 2010 Canadian Women's Open in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

"I was consistent and I felt that I judged the wind pretty well today," Wie said. "Tuesday's practice round was a lot windier, so I think that was very helpful."

She was asked if it was the strongest wind she had faced in a tournament the last couple of years. Park had a bogey-free round in the afternoon.

"Today, bit lucky," Park said. "Still three more rounds left, so going to

keep staying patient."

Last year, the South Korean player beat Angela Stanford on the third playoff hole after they finished at 26-under 258 to match the tour record for lowest total score.

"I was early off and I just wanted to make a lot of birdies early on," Wie said. "And just especially 26 un-

der winning this last year, it's definitely one of those golf courses where you have to keep making birdies. My 6 under today, you know, it's not enough. I need to keep making birdies for the rest of the weekend. Still a lot of work cut out for me." China's Shanshan Feng was a stroke back, and countrywoman Xi Yu Lin matched Cristie Kerr with a 67. "Nice to be out of the wind," Kerr said after her round.

Stacy Lewis had a 69 in her first round since taking the top spot in the world with a victory Sunday in New Jersey. Second-ranked Inbee Park also shot 69, and No. 3 Lydia Ko had a 71.

Brooke Henderson, the 16-year-old Canadian who is third in the world amateur ranking, had a 70. She had a birdie and three bogeys on the front nine to make the turn in 2 over, then birdies Nos. 14, 17 and 18.

"It was a rough start, but a good finish really saved my round," said Henderson, from Smith Falls. "One-under par in this wind on the first day, I'll definitely take it. ... It's tough with all the wind out there. It's strong and you have to be really careful in club selection."

Williams puts LA Kings past Rangers in OT opener

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles' Justin Williams scored 4:36 into overtime after a turnover by Dan Girardi, giving the Kings a 2-1 home win over the New York Rangers 3-2 in Wednesday's opening game of the NHL's Stanley Cup finals.

Kyle Clifford had a goal and an assist for Los Angeles, and Drew Doughty made up for an early mistake by scoring the tying goal in the second period as the Kings came charging back from yet another early deficit in a postseason full of comebacks. Jonathan Quick made 25 saves as the Kings moved one victory closer to their second Stanley Cup title in three years.

"It certainly helps that we've done it time and time again," said Williams, the repeat postseason hero dubbed Mr. Game 7 for his knack for series-deciding goals. "It's a great result of the hockey game for us, definitely, but we have a lot of things to clean up. Certainly not our best game by any standards, especially ours, but we were able to get it done. That's the most important thing."

Game 2 is Saturday in Los Angeles.

Williams' goal came on what was the Kings' cleanest scoring chance of the night. Left alone in the slot after Girardi's pass from his knees went straight to Mike Richards, Williams put his eighth goal of the postseason past Henrik Lundqvist, who made 40 saves in what was almost a game-winning performance.

"There's a handful of guys who raise their game this time of year," Kings defenseman Willie Mitchell said of Williams. "He's one of them, and we're lucky to have him. ... I want him to be Mr. Game 1, 2, 3 and 4. We need four wins."

Los Angeles outshot New York 20-3 in the third period, becoming the first team to get 20 shots in a finals period in 16 years.

The Kings also got a power play with 1:36 left, setting up a wild finish to regulation. Moments after Carl Hagelin was denied by Quick on a short-handed breakaway, Jeff Carter was stopped agonizingly short of a wraparound goal by Lundqvist, sending the Kings to their third straight overtime playoff game.

Benoit Pouliot scored on a breakaway and Hagelin got a short-handed goal in the first period to put New York on top, but the Rangers spent much of the final two periods on their heels. "Not quite sure what happened there in the third," Rangers coach Alain Vigneault said.

"Not sure if it was them being that good, or us stopping moving the puck and skating and going north-south. They definitely took it to us in the third, and they were able to get a bounce on the winning goal and put it in the back of the net."

The Kings and the Rangers played a combined 41 games in the first three rounds of the playoffs — just one fewer than the maximum — to emerge from the middle of the playoff pack.

"At this time of the year,



New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, of Sweden, top, and Los Angeles Kings center Anze Kopitar, of Slovenia, the watches puck flip up in the during the third period in Game 1 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals, Wednesday, June 4, 2014, in Los Angeles.

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you're not tired," Lundqvist said. "You're excited to be out there playing. We were looking to get the first win here, but we'll try it again in

the next one."

The series is big news in the nation's two biggest cities. The last time a New York and Los Angeles team

clashed in a major league decider was when the Yankees took on the Dodgers in baseball's World Series in 1981. □

Columbus salvages late draw vs. RSL

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Columbus' Ethan Finlay scored in the 88th minute to salvage a 1-1 home draw for the Crew against Real Salt Lake on Wednesday.

Finlay, who entered in the 77th minute, took a through-ball from Ben Speas on the right side and dribbled just inside the penalty area before chipping the ball over goalkeeper Jeff Attinella.

Finlay has scored all three of his career goals in the past four games.

Luis Gil opened the scoring for Salt Lake in the 56th minute to end the team's 275-minute goal drought.

COLORADO RAPIDS 0, CHICAGO FIRE 0

Chicago's Juan Luis Anangono headed wide in the 76th minute, spurning the best chance for the Fire to win at Colorado.

Colorado's Dillon Serna then hit the crossbar in the final seconds of added time for the hosts. Chicago leads the league in draws, with eight, while only winning twice. □

Surging Blue Jays beat slumping Tigers 8-2

DETROIT (AP) — Adam Lind doubled twice to drive in three runs and Melky Cabrera added a homer and three hits, lifting the Toronto Blue Jays to an 8-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

Lind's two-run double off Rick Porcello (8-3) in the sixth put Toronto ahead 3-2, and Aaron Loup got out of a bases-loaded, none-out jam in the bottom of the inning in relief of R.A. Dickey (6-4).

The AL East-leading Blue Jays added three runs in the eighth and two in the ninth in winning for the 18th time in 22 games.

Miguel Cabrera and Ian Kinsler homered for Detroit, but Kinsler also left the bases loaded twice. The AL Central-leading Tigers left 11 runners on base in their fourth straight loss. Detroit has dropped 12 of 16.

Jose Bautista also had three hits for Toronto, including a two-run double in the ninth.

INDIANS 7, RED SOX 4, 12 INNINGS

CLEVELAND (AP) — Asdrubal Cabrera hit a three-run homer with one out in the 12th inning to give Cleveland a three-game sweep of the defending World Series champions.

With two runners on and Boston playing five infielders,

Cabrera drove an 0-1 pitch from Edward Mujica (2-2) into Boston's bullpen as the Indians won their sixth



Toronto Blue Jays designated hitter Adam Lind connects for a two-run double to center field during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers in Detroit, Wednesday, June 4, 2014.

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straight overall and ninth in a row at home. Cleveland is an AL-best 21-11 at Progressive Field.

The start of the game was delayed by rain until 9:33 p.m., canceling a scheduled ceremonial first pitch by Browns rookie quarterback Johnny Manziel.

Carlos Carrasco (1-3), the Indians' seventh pitcher, worked two innings.

The surging Indians have trimmed seven games off first-place Detroit's lead in the AL Central in 17 days. Cleveland is within 3½ games and back to .500 for the first time since April 24.

David Ortiz homered for

the Red Sox, who came in riding a seven-game winning streak.

DIAMONDBACKS 16, ROCKIES 8

DENVER (AP) — Miguel Montero drove in a career-high six runs, Paul Goldschmidt hit a go-ahead, three-run double in the eighth inning and Arizona sent Colorado to its sixth straight loss.

The Rockies led 8-5 before the Diamondbacks scored six times in the eighth to reclaim the lead.

They were hardly done, adding five more in the ninth to turn a close game into a runaway win. The Di-

amondbacks tied a season high with 21 hits.

The top five hitters in the lineup each had three hits and combined for 14 RBIs. Montero drove in two runs on sacrifice flies,

had a run-scoring single and hit a three-run homer in the ninth.

Brad Ziegler (2-1) got two outs in the seventh to earn the win. Rex Brothers (2-4) took the loss after the big eighth.

WHITE SOX 2, DODGERS 1
LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Danks and three relievers combined on a two-hitter and Leury Garcia hit his first major league home run for Chicago.

Danks (4-5) allowed only two hits and one run and struck out five in 7 1-3 innings for his first road win in more than six weeks. He entered the game 1-3 with a 6.83 ERA in five road starts. He also had an infield single in the sixth inning, his second hit in 28 career plate appearances.

Garcia led off the third with a homer and Adam Dunn homered to lead off the fourth.

Josh Beckett (3-3) went six innings and allowed two runs and nine hits for the Dodgers, who have lost six of their last eight.

NATIONALS 8, PHILLIES 4
WASHINGTON (AP) — Stephen Strasburg struck out 11 in seven innings and Washington kept Philadelphia's bats quiet yet again in the rain-interrupted

game.

Strasburg (5-4) had the Phillies flailing as he hit double digits in Ks for the 15th time in his career — and for the fourth time without issuing a walk. All but one of the strikeouts were swinging, including Marlon Byrd (95 mph fastball),

Ryan Howard (95 mph fastball) and Domonic Brown (88 mph changeup) when the rain started to fall in the sixth inning.

The only consolation for the Phillies is that they scored an earned run for the first time in four games when facing the Nationals' ace. The streak reached 25 innings.

CARDINALS 5, ROYALS 2, 11 INNINGS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Matt Carpenter had a career-high five hits, including the go-ahead double in the 11th inning, and St. Louis snapped a three-game losing streak.

After the Royals rallied with two runs in the ninth, Peter Bourjos worked a one-out walk off Royals reliever Kelvin Herrera (1-2) in the 11th. Carpenter then rapped his double to center field.

Allen Craig added a two-run single off Tim Collins later in the inning,

and Pat Neshek breezed through the bottom half to end the Royals' six-game winning streak against National League clubs.

Sam Freeman (1-0) earned the win with a perfect 10th inning. □



Justin Gatlin, of the U.S., blows a kiss after winning the men's 100 meters event at the Golden Gala athletics meeting, at Rome's Olympic Stadium, Thursday, June 5, 2014.

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ROME (AP) — Justin Gatlin won the 100 meters at the Golden Gala for a second

straight year, while Mutaz Essa Barshim of Qatar set a meet record in topping a high-class high jump on Thursday.

Gatlin takes Golden Gala 100m again

Gatlin, who set a year-leading time of 9.87 seconds last month, was in front from the start and finished in 9.91, 0.11 ahead of Jamaica's Nesta Carter. Britain's Adam Gemili was third.

It was a repeat of last year's success for Gatlin, who edged Usain Bolt on the line.

"I go out with the gun and hold it to the end," Gatlin said. "I am definitely sat-

isfied. My aim? I want to achieve my third victory in a row in Rome next year. This should be a good season. One of my goals is also a win at my own national championships.

"Having a winning streak is great but it also puts a lot of pressure on you sometimes. Racing against Nesta Carter and Usain Bolt means that I have to put together and do a complete race in order to win."

In the high jump, Barshim achieved a personal best as he matched the Diamond League record and year-leading height of 2.41 meters set by Olympic champion Ivan Ukhov of Russia in Doha. Ukhov was fifth at the Stadio Olimpico. Barshim and world champion Bohdan Bondarenko of Ukraine each made three unsuccessful attempts at 2.43, which would have been a European record. □



Google car is presented to the media in Athens on Thursday, June 5, 2014. Associated Press

Google starts Street View in Greece after spat

DEREK GATOPOULOS

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ATHENS, Greece (AP)

— Google launched its Street View map service in Greece on Thursday after winning approval from the country's privacy authority, which had blocked the ground-level map application five years ago.

Company officials said the service went live after "extensive and detailed" negotiations with the country's Data Protection Authority, which last year lifted objections made to the project in 2009.

Culture Minister Panos Panagiotopoulos attended a launch event in Athens and said the map service would help the crisis-hit country's vital tourism industry, describing Greece as an "endless archaeological park."

"We have so much to show off. This is a god-send," he said. "Everyone knows how difficult things are, with all the obstacles that are there when dealing with the Greek state. We are trying to overcome these difficulties."

Google was allowed to gather photos for Street View while waiting for formal approval to start the service in Greece, the 56th country where it is now

available. The company also had been permitted to display cultural sites on a related service.

Company officials said the service covers about two-thirds of the area that Google plans to map in Greece, and includes most of the mainland and popular holiday islands. It currently does not include many more sparsely populated islands, for example. Nearly 18 million tourists visited Greece last year, according to official figures, while the government and industry officials say the number on track to rise to 20 million in 2014.

In its ruling in November, the Greek privacy watchdog said Google had responded to earlier reservations — such as about whether the images of people's faces and vehicle license plates displayed on its service get blurred out, to protect their privacy.

"The DPA wanted to see that our blurring technology works — we have demonstrated that it does work in 55 other countries — and safeguard the right of Internet users to report any complaints," said Dionisis Kolokotsas, a public policy manager for Google's Greek operations. □

Emotional robot set for sale in Japan next year

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TOKYO (AP) — A cooing, gesturing humanoid on wheels that can decipher emotions has been unveiled in Japan by billionaire Masayoshi Son who says robots should be tender and make people smile.

Son's mobile phone company Softbank said Thursday that the robot it has dubbed Pepper will go on sale in Japan in February for 198,000 yen (\$1,900). Overseas sales plans are under consideration but undecided.

The machine, which has no legs, but has gently gesticulating hands appeared on a stage in a Tokyo suburb, cooing and humming. It dramatically touched hands with Son in a Genesis or "E.T." moment.

Son, who told the crowd that his long-time dream was to go into the personal robot business, said Pepper has been programmed to read the emotions of people around it by recognizing expressions and voice tones.

"Our aim is to develop affectionate robots that can make people smile," he said.

Cuddly robots are not new in Japan, a nation dominated by "kawaii," or cute culture, but no companion robot has emerged a major market success yet.

Japanese electronics and entertainment company Sony Corp. discontinued the Aibo pet-dog robot in 2006, despite an outcry from its fans. At that time, Sony had developed a child-shaped entertainment robot similar to Pepper but much smaller, capable of dances and other charming moves, which never became a commercial product.

Honda Motor Co. has developed the walking, talking Asimo robot, but that is too sophisticated and expensive for home use, and appears in Honda showrooms and gala events only. Even then, it is prone to glitches because of its complexity.

Many other Japanese companies, including Hitachi Ltd. and Toyota Motor Corp., not to mention universities and startups, have developed various robots, big and small, which entertain and serve as companions.

There is little emphasis on delivering on practical work, in contrast to industrial robots at factories and military robots for war.

But the potential is great for intelligent machines as the number of elderly requiring care is expected to soar in rapidly-aging Japan in coming years. Robotic technology is already used to check on the elderly and monitor their health and safety, but robots might also play a role in reducing feelings of loneliness and isolation.

The 121 centimeter (48 inch) tall, 28 kilogram (62 pound) white Pepper, which has no hair but two large doll-like eyes and a flat-panel display stuck on its chest, was developed jointly with Aldebaran Robotics, which produces autonomous human-



Softbank Corp. President Masayoshi Son, right, and Pepper, a newly developed robot, wave together during a press event in Urayasu, near Tokyo, Thursday, June 5, 2014. Associated Press

oid robots.

Besides featuring the latest voice recognition, Pepper is loaded with more than a dozen sensors, including two touch sensors in its hands, three touch sensors on its head, and six laser sensors and three bumper sensors in its base.

It also has two cameras and four microphones on its head and has Wi-Fi and Ethernet networking capabilities.

In Thursday's demonstration, Pepper sang, "I want to be loved."

Softbank said Pepper can dance and tell jokes. The machine will be on display starting Friday at Softbank retailers.

Softbank, which now owns Sprint of the U.S. and boasts more than 100 million subscribers globally, has been growing rapidly as a mobile carrier in Japan, boosted by being the first to offer Apple's iPhone.

Aldebaran Robotics, which has offices in France, China, Japan and the U.S., is 78.5 percent owned by Softbank.

"I've believed that the most important role of robots will be as kind and emotional companions to enhance our daily lives, to bring happiness, constantly surprise us and make people grow," said Bruno Maisonnier, founder and chief executive of Aldebaran, who appeared on the stage with Son.

Aldebaran has produced more than 5,000 of its Nao humanoid, its first product, which is used for research and educational purposes. Pepper can get information from cloud-based databases and comes with safety features to avoid crashes and falls, and its capabilities can grow by installing more robot applications, according to Softbank. □

Stocks head higher after ECB takes new steps

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NEW YORK (AP) — New steps from the European Central Bank to revive the region's flagging economy gave markets a lift Thursday, pushing the Standard & Poor's 500 index to another record high.

In the U.S. market, the gains were broad but modest. All 10 industries in the S&P 500 crept higher, led by industrial companies and banks. The ECB cut two key interest rates, pushing one of them below zero. The unusual move means that the ECB will charge banks to hold their money, instead of paying them interest. The goal is to arm-twist banks into lending money rather than stockpiling it.

Mario Draghi, the ECB's president, said the bank was willing to take more steps to support the region's economy if needed, including buying bonds.

"It's a big step by Draghi," said Jason Pride, director of investment strategy at Glenmede Trust. "I would say it's a big thing even though the markets may have expected it."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.58 points, or 0.7 percent, to close at 1,940.46.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 98.58 points, or 0.6 percent, to 16,836.11. The Nasdaq composite gained 44.58 points, or 1.1 percent, to 4,296.23. Both the S&P 500 and the Dow average are at record-high levels.

Germany's main stock index, the DAX, touched a record high before pulling back and ending the day

with a gain of 0.2 percent. France's CAC 40 surged 1.1 percent.

"The world looks to be a safer place today," said Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi in New York, in a note to clients. "If you lend money out, the ECB has money for you."

The U.S. and Europe are tightly connected through financial markets, the

Smith, chief investment officer at Haverford Trust. But it wasn't a big surprise. In recent weeks, research teams at big banks and strategists on Wall Street have issued scores of reports predicting just such a move. "It was on everyone's radar screen," Smith said. Before the market opened, the Labor Department said the number of Americans applying for un-

U.S. employers added 220,000 jobs in May and that the unemployment rate inched up to 6.4 percent from 6.3 percent as more people hunt for work. Among other companies making moves, PVH, the company behind the Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger brands, cut its profit forecast late Wednesday, blaming the global economy and a rough win-



Specialist Peter Giacchi, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. New steps from the European Central Bank to revive the region's flagging economy gave markets a lift Thursday, pushing the Standard & Poor's 500 index to another record high.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

banking system and trade. Added together, the countries in the European Union make up the world's second-largest economy and buy roughly a fifth of all U.S. exports. Coca-Cola and other large corporations have blamed Europe's weak economy for hurting sales. The ECB's move to support the region's economy came as welcome news, said Hank

employment benefits crept up last week to 312,000. The news heightened speculation that the government's monthly jobs report, due out Friday, could reveal a modest slowdown in hiring in May. It also followed a report from payroll processor ADP on Wednesday that showed private employers pulling back on hiring last month.

Economists estimate that

ter in the U.S. for weaker sales. The retailer put more clothes on sale, which pinched profit margins. PVH's stock sank \$10.59, or 8 percent, to \$120.09.

Joy Global, a maker of mining equipment, reported a big drop in quarterly profits and sales as coal miners scaled back operations. Joy Global's results were still better than analysts had expected. □

T-Mobile and Sprint zeroing in for merger

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Responding to a wave of consolidation in the telecommunications industry, the nation's third- and fourth-largest wireless phone operators have agreed on the terms of a deal to join forces.

Sprint and T-Mobile have talked about a combination for years but continued to put it off, each preoccupied with other deals and concerned about scrutiny from antitrust regulators.

But in recent days, the two sides have settled on the terms of a \$32 billion deal that is likely to be announced this summer, people briefed on the matter said this week.

Under the terms of the deal, which are still rough, Sprint would acquire T-Mobile for about \$40 a share in cash and stock, a 17 percent premium to Wednesday's price.

Talks are continuing and could still fall apart. But the agreement on terms represents a turning point in a relationship between two companies that have long contemplated a merger.

Sprint and T-Mobile have decided to press ahead because their two main rivals, Verizon and AT&T, each with more than 100 million subscribers, continue to grow more formidable.

Verizon is the largest wireless operator in the country and also provides landlines, cable television and business services.

AT&T, the second-largest wireless provider, recently agreed to acquire DirecTV in a \$49 billion deal, which would give it control of the country's largest satellite television operator.

Neither Sprint nor T-Mobile, on their own, would have the financial resources to compete against these larger players, nor the suite of offerings to attract customers who can get a whole host of offerings from other rivals. Sprint and T-Mobile are both majority owned by large, international telecommunications groups, which have their own agendas as well. □

ING to seek separate listing for insurance arm

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AMSTERDAM (AP) — ING Groep NV says it is proceeding with a plan to move its remaining insurance operations into a separate listed company, NN Group.

The Dutch bank and insurance group has no choice under an agreement with European regulators to compensate for having re-

ceived state aid during the 2008 financial crisis.

ING did not set a date for the offering in a statement Thursday morning, but implied it would be finished this year. It said the independent NN Group would pay shareholders a dividend for the second half of 2014.

ING said it will sell a minority stake to large investors during the offering, and

will then reduce its stake in stages to less than 50 percent by the end of 2015, and zero by the end of 2016.

Earlier this year ING sold 1.125 billion euros (\$1.53 billion) worth of convertible bonds in NN Group to a trio of Asian investors including Temasek of Singapore. That's a potential stake of — very roughly — 10 percent in NN Group, which

ING said had pretax profit of 903 million euros in 2013. ING has previously sold off insurance operations in the U.S. and Asia, gradually reducing its net debt to the Dutch state from 10 billion euros initially to just over 1 billion now.

Lard Friese, the top executive at NN Group within ING, will become CEO of the independent company. □

World's largest retailer Wal-Mart facing big hurdles

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The world's largest retailer faces new challenges at a time when low prices and one-stop shopping can be a few clicks away on a tablet computer or mobile phone.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. built its reputation on everyday low prices and convenient supercenters that allow customers to do all their shopping in one place.

But revenue at established Wal-Mart stores in the U.S., which account for 60 percent of the company's total sales, has declined for five consecutive quarters. Meanwhile, the number of customers has fallen six quarters in a row.

Like many other retail chains that cater to working-class Americans, Wal-Mart is a victim of an uneven economic recovery that has benefited well-heeled shoppers more than those in the lower-income rungs. Moreover, shoppers are no longer willing to spend hours in big supercenters. They're turning to online competitors like Amazon.com, dollar stores and pharmacies.

Wal-Mart's annual shareholders' meeting on Friday could offer clues as to how Doug McMillon, who became Wal-Mart's CEO in February, plans to deal with the biggest issues Wal-Mart faces:

CASH-STRAPPED SHOPPERS
In an interview with The Associated Press, Bill Simon, CEO and president of Wal-Mart's U.S. stores division, says the top concerns among its shoppers are lack of jobs and gas prices. Wal-Mart's customers also still are struggling with a 2 percentage point increase in the Social Security payroll tax since Jan. 1, 2013. Additionally, they're facing reductions in government food stamp benefits.

As a result, Wal-Mart's customers have changed their shopping habits. They're switching to chicken from beef, and choosing lower-price brands or store labels on staples like detergent. But they do splurge for spe-

cial holidays.

"It's been very choppy as to how they choose to spend," Simon says.

To combat this, Wal-Mart stocks up on small packages at the end of the month when money is tight for customers. It's also counting on a new money transfer service it says will cut fees for its low-income customers by up to 50 percent compared with similar services elsewhere.

But America's Research Group's C. Britt Beemer asks: "How do you get

more money from shoppers whose disposable income is less?"

PRICE PRESSURE

Since the economic recovery, more stores are offering low prices, which has always been a centerpiece of Wal-Mart's success. As a result, Wal-Mart has had to focus more on cutting its prices.

The move seems to be working. According to a Kantar Retail pricing survey conducted last October in the southern New

Hampshire and northern Massachusetts area, Dollar General's basket of 21 categories across staples was 12 cents cheaper at \$28.70 than at Wal-Mart. In the previous year, Dollar General was 18 percent cheaper.

And in a separate study conducted a year ago, Amazon's prices on a basket of 59 items was actually 7 percent more expensive than Walmart.com and 16 percent pricier than at its supercenters.

Analysts also praise Wal-

Mart's Savings Catcher, an online tool that allows customers to compare Wal-Mart's prices on thousands of products with those of some competitors. If a lower price is found elsewhere, Wal-Mart refunds the difference in the form of a store credit. Wal-Mart plans to expand the tool nationwide after having tested it in seven markets since March.

Still, low prices hurt sales and margins. For the latest quarter that ended on May 2, for instance, sales at Wal-Mart's U.S. stores that were open at least a year fell 0.1 percent.

CHANGING SHOPPING HABITS

Wal-Mart built tons of supercenters in the 1990s, but Americans increasingly are looking at physical stores as pick up locations after they've already searched online for goods. Or they're viewing them as places to make quick trips for bread and milk.

Wal-Mart is opening more Neighborhood Markets and Wal-Mart Express stores, smaller outlets that cater to shoppers looking for more convenience with fresh produce, meat and household and beauty products. □



Former Wal-Mart International CEO Doug McMillon speaks to financial analysts gathered in Rogers, Ark. Wal-Mart's annual shareholders' meeting on Friday, June 6, 2014, could offer more clues as to how McMillon, who became Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s CEO in February, will deal with the biggest issues Wal-Mart faces. (AP Photo/Wal-Mart Stores Inc.)

Netflix points at Verizon for delays in streaming

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WASHINGTON - Being partners with Netflix does not mean that Netflix is on your side.

Like Comcast before it, Verizon learned that lesson this week, when a journalist who was streaming a television show on Netflix noticed an on-screen message from the company blaming Verizon for congestion that was slowing the stream.

The journalist, Yuri Victor, a designer and developer at Vox Media, posted a message on Twitter on Tuesday with a screen shot of the Netflix message, which read: "The Verizon network is crowded right now. Adjusting video for smoother playback."

Netflix said this week that the message was simply one of many ways the company is testing for notifying its customers about how their viewing experience is affected by their Internet service provider's network.

"The current test started in early May and covers a few hundred thousand U.S. members who are served by various ISPs," Jonathan Friedland, chief communications officer for Netflix, said in a statement.

He said it was similar to the company's monthly chart showing average speeds connecting Netflix with consumers through a variety of broadband providers.

To Verizon, the whole thing is little more than "a PR

stunt," a company blog post said. David Young, who oversees federal regulatory affairs for Verizon, said in the post that Netflix's statement about the Verizon network "is not only inaccurate, it is deliberately misleading."

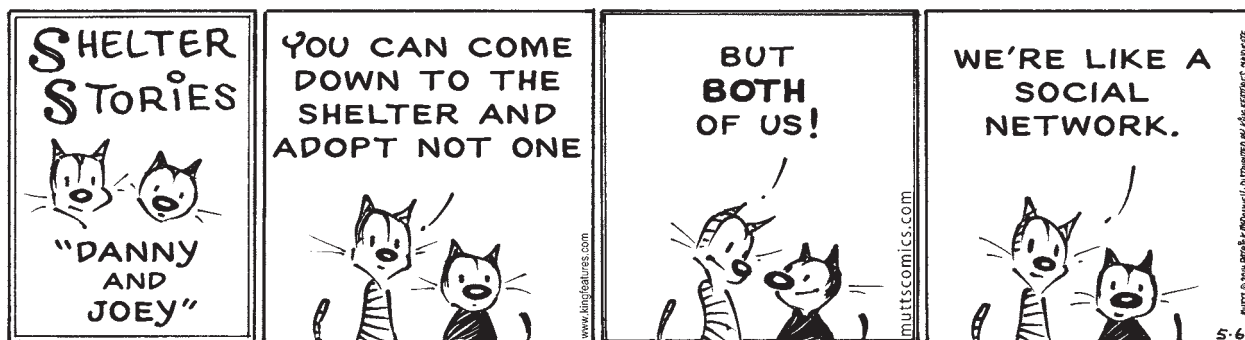
"The source of the congestion is almost certainly NOT congestion in Verizon's network," Young wrote. "Instead, the problem is most likely congestion on the connection that Netflix has chosen to use to reach Verizon's network. Of course, Netflix is solely responsible for choosing how their traffic is routed into any ISPs network."

Just weeks ago, Verizon and Netflix agreed that Netflix could pay Verizon to connect directly to its

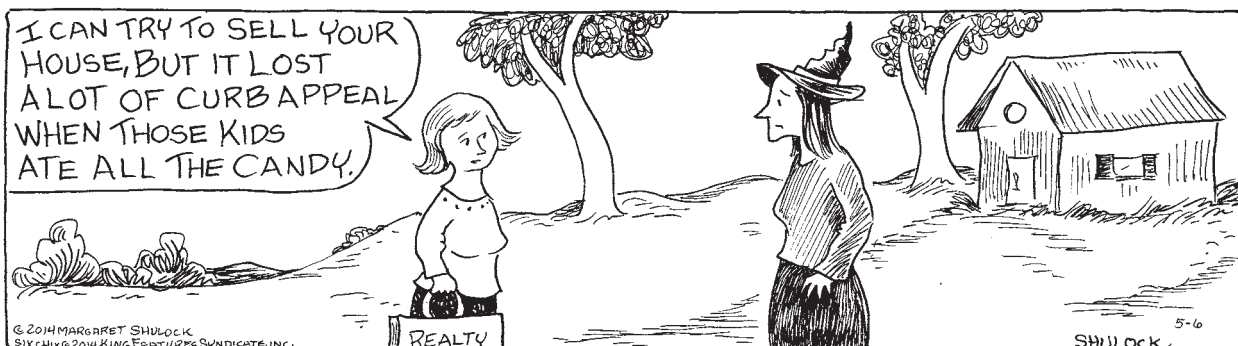
network, creating a faster connection that bypasses the go-between that carries most content through the Internet. Netflix previously entered one of those deals with Comcast.

That gave rise to outrage, as proponents of an open Internet, including, oddly, Netflix, said such a deal violated net neutrality - the belief that all Internet traffic should be treated equally. Verizon and Comcast said the deals with Netflix were outside net neutrality, which they said involves only an ISP's connection to the consumer. They said the interconnection framework is not completely in place, so some Netflix content is still delivered to Verizon customers the old way. □

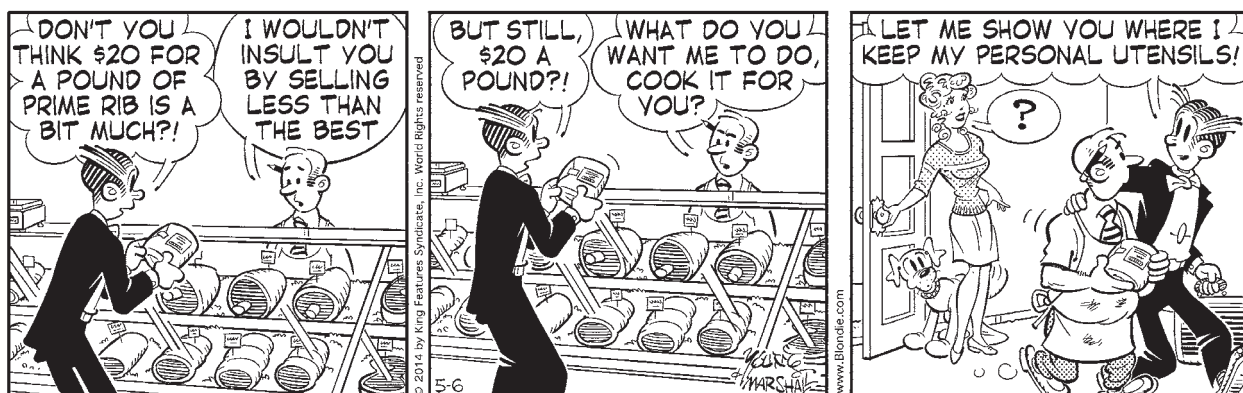
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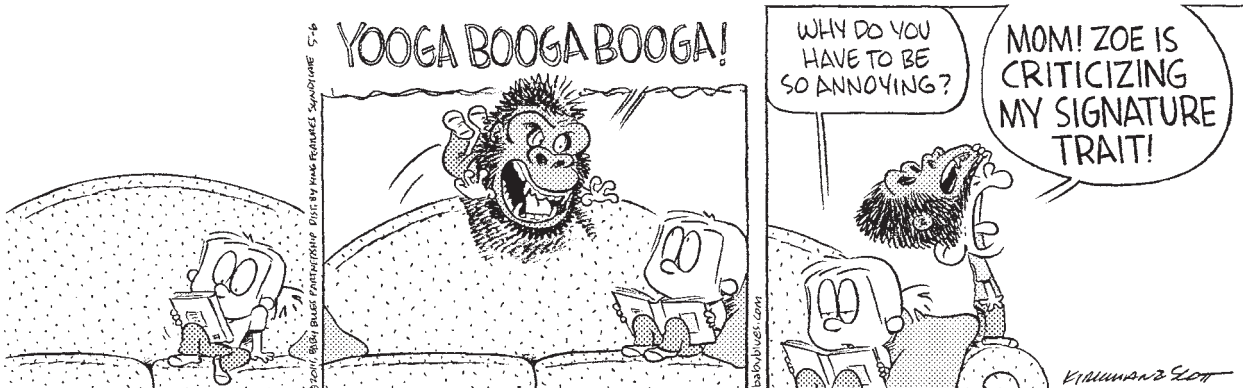
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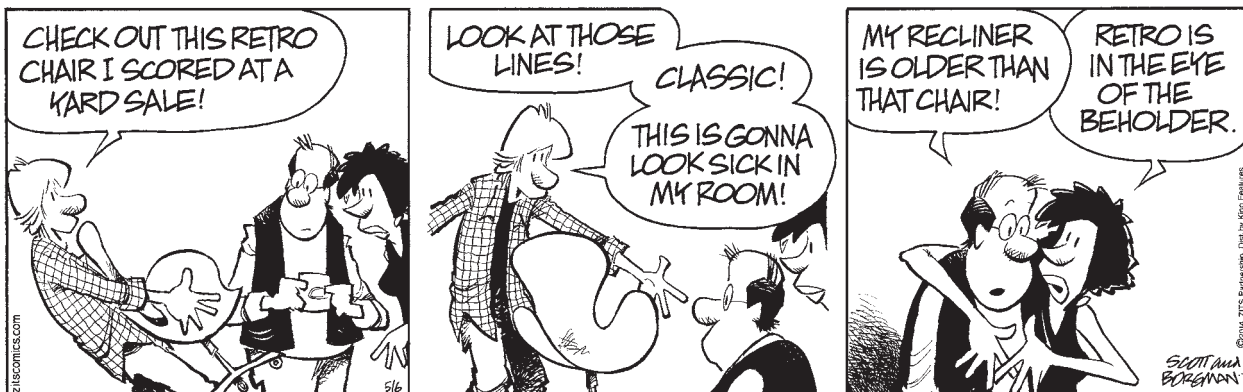
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Busy centers of activity
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- 16 Ore deposit
- 17 Warsaw native
- 18 Swelling due to fluid retention
- 19 Meditative exercise
- 20 Went into
- 22 Criticized harshly
- 24 Tear
- 25 Peddles
- 26 Performed
- 29 That woman
- 30 Limas & favas
- 34 Nourish
- 35 Acquire
- 36 Baking potato
- 37 Light brown
- 38 Childish outburst
- 40 Tax-deferred retirement acct.
- 41 Schoolchild's compositions
- 43 Hit a tennis ball in a high arc
- 44 Tallies up
- 45 Becomes dizzy
- 46 Shortest month: abbr.
- 47 Sassy
- 48 Benefactor
- 50 Talk on and on
- 51 Weapons storage facility
- 54 Evergreen tree
- 58 Lower leg part
- 59 Boise's state
- 61 African nation
- 62 ___ up; confined
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- 64 Therefore
- 65 Cooking herb
- 66 Eyeglasses, for short
- 67 Take a break

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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VENTURE	DEAR	
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| | 60 Highest spade |

DOWN

- 1 Stay optimistic

The Other Sides of the Track

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The stalwarts of Belmont Park shuffled toward the front benches some 50 minutes before post time, a procession of walking canes and tinted sunglasses, plastic bags treated as briefcases and jeans pulled high enough to make belly buttons disappear.

Near the winner's circle, where tens of spectators had gathered, Mitchell Maltese, 52, made quick work of a cigarette, regaling his peers with apocryphal tales of afternoons past: his stint as a horse groomer in the 1970s. The time they found a fugitive burrowing in the backstretch. Secretariat. A quote from the Prophet Isaiah, maybe.

"That's how this place makes me feel," he said, turning toward the odds board. "Spiritual."

"History," said a friend, Adriano Simoncine, 73, sipping his Budweiser.

This is the racetrack at its most recognizable, despite what the cameras on Saturday are likely to capture at

the Belmont Stakes, where California Chrome's bid for the Triple Crown is expected to attract a crowd of more than 100,000 to Elmont, New York.

There will be pilgrims from Florida and television crews from Venezuela, a Sinatra singing "New York, New York" and a former Yankee playing classical guitar. There will be expensive drinks spilled on more expensive suits, and fancy hats that may further obscure limited views. There will be nowhere to walk.

Accordingly, with 72 hours remaining before their territories faced temporary seizure, the regulars on Wednesday had begun to grow protective. Almost none of them will come Saturday, they say, although a betting man might wager otherwise.

The most devoted complain of the long lines at the pari-mutuel windows on Belmont Saturday, when newcomers dare to dawdle just before the race goes off, and of families who cheer favorites, failing to understand that



Spectators at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y., June 4, 2014. Regulars at Belmont Park bemoan the frenzied throngs that are expected to turn out on Saturday for California Chrome's bid for the Triple Crown, preferring the racetrack's slower, but no lower-staked, pace.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

their daily double payout would have tripled - quadrupled! - if that long shot had closed just a little bit harder.

Even a perch at the finish line is best reserved for those with a well-developed tolerance, lest the unholy union of manure and cigar smoke overwhelm novices who approach the rail.

"You get into a routine," said Mark Doshinsky, 55, from Queens, inspecting his Racing Form alone before a planned move upstairs, per tradition, before the first race.

In a picnic area behind the paddock, attendees spread statistical sheets across their laps, lifting drinks from their coolers as they touted, dismissed and reconsidered the prospects of every horse in the race. "The four is a pig, Ralphie - do you see him at that price? It'll never pay." "The four can't lose."

It is here that elderly men ride imaginary colts as their selections reach the home stretch, pleading, prodding, smacking at the air. Nearby, at a small playground for children 5-12, a boy kicked a soccer ball to himself, chasing it toward a parking lot fence. "ADULT SUPERVISION," a sign read, before shifting to lowercase, "is recommended" - a useful hedge for less

vigilant parents with races to study.

Perhaps the largest roar of the day came for the fourth race, when a 53-1 long shot, King Dix C, paid out \$109 on a \$2 bet. Desmond Kelly, 44, from Jamaica, Queens, by way of Jamaica, the country, broke into a minisprint as the horse neared the wire, smacking his program against a wall when it crossed.

Kelly, a chef, often travels to the track alone, he said. "I'm a lonely soldier at times," he said, waving at a familiar peer. "I just do me." Belmont itself has come to occupy a fragile niche in the state's racing space. It is less stately than Saratoga, the midsummer jewel to the north, and less of a destination than the revamped Aqueduct - at least when that track's adjoining casino, with its weekend concerts and electronic table games, is factored in.

On a typical weekday, Belmont attendees can claim entire rows for themselves. Warning signs, instructing fans to keep out of certain sections of the park, were often ignored, perhaps understandably so: Only 2,348 people were in attendance Wednesday. The place was theirs, credential or not, for three days more.

Parts of the track hinted at

preparations for Saturday. Several vending areas were shuttered but primed to reopen for the big one. Lines of portable restrooms filled the grounds, an un-subtle reminder of 2008, the year of the last Triple Crown threat, when toilets overflowed amid sweltering heat. (The contending horse, Big Brown, finished last, incidentally.)

Although most die-hards curse the crowds that a Triple Crown bid guarantees, the event does afford opportunities to the thoughtful capitalist. In 2012, Joseph Reyes, 54, from Queens, said he purchased 1,500 T-shirts, for \$1 each, commemorating I'll Have Another, who had won the first two legs of the Triple Crown.

A tendon injury, revealed 30 hours before the Belmont Stakes, kept him from racing.

But this time will be different, Reyes said. With warm weather in Saturday's forecast, he plans to operate an Italian ice business outside the track where he once worked as a foreman.

"I think the ices might work," said Reyes, describing himself as a full-time gambler who deals in scrap metal on the side. "My friend owns five carts." Italian ices - they can't lose. □

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Board: Oil drilling risks remain from device woes

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The key last-ditch safety device that failed to prevent the 2010 BP oil spill remains a potentially catastrophic problem today for some offshore drilling, according to a U.S. safety board investigation.

The report issued Thursday by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board details the multiple failures and improper testing of the blowout preventer and blames bad management and operations for the breakdown. They found faulty wiring, a dead battery and a bent pipe in the hulking device.

"The problems with this blowout preventer were worse than we understood," safety board managing director Daniel Horowitz said in an interview. "And there are still hazards out there that need to be improved if we are to prevent this from happening again."

The safety board, like the National Transportation Safety Board, can investigate but has no regulatory power. It recommended new safety standards and regulations in its report.

If the offshore oil drilling industry doesn't adopt them and regulators don't tighten up oversight of these devices, it "opens the possibility of another catastrophic accident," lead investigator Cheryl Mackenzie said at a news conference Thursday.



This aerial April 21, 2010 file photo, taken in the Gulf of Mexico, more than 50 miles southeast of Venice on Louisiana's tip, shows an oil slick is seen as the Deepwater Horizon oil rig burns.

Associated Press

But investigators also noted that the industry is working on new designs that could fix many of the problems the safety board outlined. And the American Petroleum Institute issued a statement saying the report "ignores the tremendous strides made to enhance the safety of offshore operations."

The nation's worst offshore oil spill followed an explosion that killed 11 workers at the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) off the Louisiana coast. The blowout preventer anchored to the top of the underwater well

should have stopped the leak.

In such emergencies, the device uses multiple mechanisms — including clamps and quick-release blades — to try to choke off the oil flowing up from a pipe and disconnect the rig from the well. It can operate automatically when pressure or electricity is cut off or manually.

The one that failed was 9 years old, nearly 57 feet tall and weighed about 400 tons. After it broke down, an estimated 172 million gallons (561 million liters) of oil spewed into the Gulf for 87 days.

Robert Bea, a professor of engineering and expert in oil pipelines at the University of California Berkeley, praised the report and said blowout preventers are like cruise ship lifeboats, used only in last resort but

crucial. In this case, and potentially in some others still out there, a blowout preventer may be "deeply flawed" or full of holes, said Bea, who was not involved in the new study.

Various investigations have found that the cause of the initial explosion involved multiple screw-ups with cement, drilling mud, fluid pressure, botched tests, management problems and poor decisions. The blowout preventer sealed the well temporarily, but then it failed and that caused the massive spill, the new 166-page report found.

The report faulted well owner BP and rig operator Transocean. The problem, said safety board investigator Mary Beth Mulcahy, was that they didn't test the blowout preventer's individual safety systems but

the device as a whole. It turned out there were two sets of faulty wiring that caused problems and a dead battery.

Mulcahy said the companies were following a testing standard set by the industry, not the individual testing suggested by the manufacturer.

The safety board also found that the drill pipe in the mechanism bent far earlier in the accident and from a different cause than determined by a presidential oil spill commission. It is the type of bending that could happen even if operators are doing everything right, Mulcahy said.

The board said the same device design is being used on at least 30 rigs worldwide and some general problems with operations and testing could affect other types of preventers.

Donald Boesch, a University of Maryland professor who was on the presidential oil spill commission, agreed with the latest investigation. He said the chemical safety board was able to do what his board didn't do, a hands-on testing of the device.

The two companies involved in rig operations blamed each other. BP spokesman Geoff Morrell said all of the evidence "demonstrates that Transocean owned the rig's blowout preventer and was responsible for its maintenance."

Transocean spokesman Brian Kennedy noted that BP pleaded guilty to 12 felony counts from the accident while Transocean did to only one misdemeanor violation of the Clean Water Act. □

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Jerry Lewis keeps the comedy coming at 88

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — At this point, Jerry Lewis feels more comfortable with an audience than without. So after nearly 70 years in show business, Lewis continues to do standup and serve as leader of the storied Friars Club. He was set to host a dinner at the venerable comedy institution on Thursday night to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his film "The Nutty Professor." He's also set to perform a show in Las Vegas next month and has two fall concerts planned for Los Angeles.

"The Friars are the third most exciting thing I do," the 88-year-old entertainer said during a recent interview. The first two are making movies and performing on stage, but Lewis makes several trips a year from his Las Vegas home to the private comedy club in New York City, where he serves as abbot.

When Lewis comes to club headquarters on 55th Street in Midtown Manhattan, "it's like Dad came home and he's got presents for everyone in the form of laughter," said Friars Club spokesman Barry Dougherty.

Lewis has been the club's leader since 2006. The late comic Alan King held the post previously, following Frank Sinatra's 20-year tenure. As Abbot, Lewis oversees the annual roasts and helps with fundraising, continuing the philanthropic tradition he started with the Muscular Dystrophy Association more than 60 years ago.

The comedian's abrupt departure as national chairman of the organization and face of its Labor Day telethon still hasn't been explained, and Lewis refuses to talk about it.

"He's thrilled to channel those particular energies our way," Dougherty said of the Friars Foundation,



This April 14, 2014 photo shows actor and comedian Jerry Lewis during an interview at TCL Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

which provides scholarships for aspiring entertainers and brings comedians to military hospitals to cheer up wounded veterans.

As abbot, Lewis also offers guidance to up-and-comers. One tip? Appreciate your fans.

"I never took them for granted, which is a mistake young performers make," he said. "Those that are interested in what your life is about, you have to give them time... It's all part of the business. If you don't like that part, get out of the other part."

Though Lewis has come under fire in recent years for his bias against female comics and can be cantankerous and unpredictable in interviews and on stage, his abiding love of connecting through comedy is clear. When asked what he loves about it, he said, "watching people laugh — especially when the people are seeing you for the first time and they're laughing and they're laughing good. It's an incredible feeling."

He feels the magic again when he talks to fans after the show, describing the connection as "a moment of infinite care, and it gives you a moment of infinite understanding." □

George Takei sees gay pride beginning in Japan

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TOKYO (AP) — George Takei said he needed courage and anger to come out as gay and to join the equal rights movement for sexual minorities in the U.S., and he hopes his Japanese counterparts will do the same to make their society more equal.

Takei said he has noticed a movement beginning in Japan, though the country of his ancestry has a long way to go. He said Japanese people need to fight for their own rights and they need to be a bit angry, too.

The "Star Trek" actor also known for his gay and civil rights activism, said he was encouraged to have met with Japanese activists for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights, and even some of their parents fighting for their children.

"They have to have courage to come out and share their lives honestly," Takei said. Once they get a ball rolling, more movement would follow, like "a ripple effect" that spreads, he added. "So I'm optimistic. I do think that Japan will be one of the nations that



George Takei speaks during an interview before a reception at U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy's official residence Thursday, June 5, 2014, in Tokyo.

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have equality and that too will serve as an example for other Asian nations."

In a country where conformity is highly required, many sexual minorities still fear discrimination at work and bullying at schools, and many don't come out. Around the Asia-Pacific region, only New Zealand has legalized same-sex marriage.

Takei, 77, is in Japan to attend embassy-organized events marking LGBT Pride Month in the U.S. He later toasted gay rights at a reception hosted by Ambassador Caroline Kennedy

attended by about 160 people, including Japan's first lady Akie Abe.

Delighted by a miniature of Starship Enterprise from Kennedy before the reception, Takei said it was perfect for the occasion: "That is our Utopian future. This Enterprise (starship in Star Trek) is a metaphor of Starship Earth with all of its diversity — not only the diversity of race and culture and history but also the unseen diversity of orientation, all coming together working in concert for a better future. And that is what we are doing here tonight." □

Another Spears singer: Jamie Lynn goes country



In this April 6, 2014 file photo, Jamie Lynn Spears arrives at the 49th annual Academy of Country Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, in Las Vegas.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

Expect to see a lot more of Jamie Lynn Spears this summer, but not in her former role as an actress. She's putting out new music, getting radio play and introducing herself to country music fans all over the country.

Spears, making an appearance at this week's CMA Music Fest in Nashville, understands why some people might be a little puzzled — the little sister of one of the world's biggest pop star's singing country? But Spears says once people get a chance to listen to her, they understand it.

"It gives me more of a

reason to prove that I love what I am doing and make them believe in me," Spears said.

The former teen star of "Zoey 101" has been working behind the scenes in Nashville learning the craft of songwriting. She's already got a music video and put out an EP called "The Journey" on iTunes with five new songs.

Even without a record label, her EP debuted at No. 193 on the Billboard 200 albums chart this week and came in at No. 24 on the Country Albums chart. She's increasingly doing more live performances □

Co-founder of Burt's Bees says he was ousted

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Associated Press

PARKMAN, Maine (AP) —

Conventional wisdom suggests the Burt behind Burt's Bees left the company after he became disillusioned with the corporate world and wanted to return to his solitary life in the rural northeastern state of Maine.

The reality, Burt Shavitz says, is that he was forced out by co-founder Roxanne Quimby after he had an affair with an employee.

So the man on the Burt's Bees logo that promises "Earth-friendly natural personal care products" ended up with 37 acre (15 hectares) in Maine, and an undisclosed sum of money. And he's not complaining.

"In the long run, I got the land, and land is everything. Land is positively everything. And money is nothing really worth squabbling about. This is what puts people six feet under. You know, I don't need it," he told a filmmaker on property where the company was launched in the 1980s. The reclusive beekeeper whose simple life became complicated by his status as a corporate icon is now the subject of a documentary, "Burt's Buzz," which opens Friday in cities including New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, Phoenix and



In this photo taken on Friday, May 23, 2014, Burt Shavitz poses on his property in Parkman, Maine. **Associated Press**

Cleveland.

Interviewed by The Associated Press on his land in Maine, Shavitz declined to discuss his relationship with Quimby.

"What I have in this situation is no regret," he said, sitting in a rocking chair. "The bottom line is she's got her world and I've got mine, and we let it go at that."

Shavitz, 79, grew up around New York, served in the Army in Germany and shot photos for Time-Life before leaving New York for the backwoods of Maine.

He was a hippie making

a living by selling honey when his life was altered by a chance encounter with a hitchhiking Quimby. She was a single mother and a back-to-the-lander who impressed Shavitz with her ingenuity and self-sufficiency.

She began making products from his beeswax, and they became partners. An image of Burt's face — and his untamed beard — was featured on labels.

The partnership ended on a sour note after the business moved in 1994 to North Carolina, where it continued to expand before Shavitz was

given the boot. These days, he makes occasional promotional appearances on the company's behalf.

In the documentary, Shavitz sounds both bitter and ambivalent.

"Roxanne Quimby wanted money and power, and I was just a pillar on the way to that success," he said.

Quimby, who made more than \$300 million when she sold the company, disagrees with any suggestion that Shavitz was treated improperly. "Everyone associated with the company was treated fairly, and in some cases very gener-

ously, upon the sale of the company and my departure as CEO. And that, of course, includes Burt," she said in an email to the AP. Shavitz lives in a cluttered house that has no hot water; he used to live in a converted turkey coop on the same property. He still likes to watch nature pass by.

All manner of critters traipse across the land: deer, moose, pine martens, even a pack of cacophonous coyotes. On a recent day, six baby foxes played in the field.

"Golly dang!" he exclaimed, his blue eyes gazing. His humble life is a long way from the one where he stays in four-star hotels during promotional trips. The movie juxtaposes his ideal day, one in which he's left alone, against a trip to Taiwan, where he was greeted like a rock star by fans wearing faux beards and bee costumes. Director Jody Shapiro said his documentary presents contrasts: a man who wants a simple life but also likes to travel and experience new things; a vegetarian who likes to shoot guns; a man who's content to sell honey but also helped launch a big business.

He described Shavitz as "an authentic character" but still isn't sure what makes him tick. □

Beastie Boys awarded \$1.7M in Monster case



Rapper Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz leaves a New York City courthouse after a jury awarded the "Beastie Boys" \$1.7 million in a copyright violation case against beverage-maker Monster Energy Co., Thursday, June 5, 2014.

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NEW YORK (AP) — It's a rap: The Beastie Boys have won \$1.7 million in a copyright violation case against the maker of Monster Energy drink.

Thursday's ruling ends a case in which the two surviving members of the band testified about their staunch opposition to the use of their music in commercial endorsements.

"We're happy," rapper Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz said outside the courtroom after the federal court jury in Manhattan returned its verdict after a day of delib-

erations.

The Corona, California-based Monster Energy Co. had admitted wrongly using Beastie Boys songs in a video that was online for five weeks. But the beverage maker insisted it should owe no more than \$125,000. The Beastie Boys had sought \$2 million.

Horovitz clasped his wife's hand tightly in the first row of spectator seating as the judge read aloud a verdict in which jurors found Monster had committed willful copyright infringement involving five songs: "Sabotage," "So Watcha Want," "Make Some Noise," "Pass

the Mic" and "Looking Down the Barrel of a Gun." Jurors chose to award \$120,000 for each of 10 violations of copyright.

The jury also awarded an additional \$500,000 after finding that Monster used the bands' persona without permission, suggesting a false endorsement of Monster's products.

The sometimes lighthearted New York rappers were humorless at trial, with Horovitz sitting intently through testimony and deliberations for a case he clearly took seriously. As it became clear the band was getting almost everything it asked

for, Horovitz nodded in agreement with several of the findings. He hugged his wife after the verdict.

Outside court, he said the band wanted to thank the jury. Jurors had already left the building, with each of them declining comment. Lawyers for Monster said the company would appeal.

The eight-day trial featured testimony from Horovitz and bandmate Michael "Mike D" Diamond, who also attended the trial most days. Another member of the band, the gravelly-voiced rapper Adam "MCA" Yauch. □

The Art of Focus



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Like everyone else, I am losing the attention war. I toggle over to my emails when I should be working. I text when I should be paying attention to the people in front of me. I spend hours looking at mildly diverting stuff on YouTube. ("Look, there's a bunch of guys who can play 'Billie Jean' on beer bottles!") And, like everyone else, I've nodded along with the prohibition sermons imploring me to limit my information diet. Stop multitasking! Turn off the devices at least once a week!

And, like everyone else, these sermons have had no effect. Many of us lead lives of distraction, unable to focus on what we know we should focus on. According to a survey reported in an Op-Ed article on Sunday in The Times by Tony Schwartz and Christine Porath, 66 percent of workers aren't able to focus on one thing at a time. Seventy percent of employees don't have regular time for creative or strategic thinking while at work.

Since the prohibition sermons don't work, I wonder if we might be able to copy some of the techniques used by the creatures who are phenomenally good at learning things: children. I recently stumbled across an interview in The Paris Review with Adam Phillips, who was a child psychologist for many years. First, Phillips says, in order to pursue their intellectual adventures, children need a secure social base: "There's something deeply important about the early experience of being in the presence of somebody without being impinged upon by their demands, and without them needing you to make a demand on them. And that this creates a space internally into which one can be absorbed. In order to be absorbed one has to feel sufficiently safe, as though there is some shield, or somebody guarding you against dangers such that you can 'forget yourself' and absorb yourself, in a book, say."

Second, before they can throw themselves into their obsessions. Children are propelled by desires so powerful that they can be frightening. "One of the things that is interesting about children is how much appetite they have," Phillips observes. "How much appetite they have - but also how conflicted they can be about their appetites. Anybody who's got young children ... will remember that children are incredibly picky about their food.

... "One of the things it means is there's something very frightening about one's appetite. So that one is trying to contain a voraciousness in a very specific, limited, narrowed way. ... An appetite is fearful because it connects you with the world in very unpredictable ways. ... Everybody is dealing with how much of their own aliveness they can bear and how much they need to anesthetize themselves."

Third, children are not burdened by excessive self-consciousness: "As young children, we listen to adults talking before we understand what they're saying. And that's, after all, where we start - we start in a position of not getting it." Children are used to living an emotional richness that can't be captured in words. They don't worry about trying to organize their lives into neat little narratives. Their experience of life is more direct because they spend less time on interfering thoughts about themselves.

The lesson from childhood, then, is that if you want to win the war for attention, don't try to say "no" to the trivial distractions you find on the information smorgasbord; try to say "yes" to the subject that arouses a terrifying longing, and let the terrifying longing crowd out everything else.

The way to discover a terrifying longing is to liberate yourself from the self-censoring labels you began to tell yourself over the course of your mis-education. These formulas are stultifying, Phillips argues: "You can only recover your appetite, and appetites, if you can allow yourself to be unknown to yourself. Because the point of knowing oneself is to contain one's anxieties about appetite."

Thus: Focus on the external objects of fascination, not on who you think you are. Find people with overlapping obsessions. Don't structure your encounters with them the way people do today, through brainstorming sessions (those don't work) or through conferences with projection screens.

Instead, look at the way children learn in groups. They make discoveries alone, but bring their treasures to the group. Then the group crowds around and hashes it out. In conversation, conflict, confusion and uncertainty can be metabolized and digested through somebody else. If the group sets a specific problem for itself, and then sets a tight deadline to come up with answers, the free digression of conversation will provide occasions in which people are surprised by their own minds. The information universe tempts you with mildly pleasant but ultimately numbing diversions. The only way to stay fully alive is to dive down to your obsessions 6 fathoms deep. Down there it's possible to make progress toward fulfilling your terrifying longing, which is the experience that produces the joy. □



Guns and Mental Illness In America



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It is difficult to read stories about Elliot Rodger, the 22-year-old man who went on a murderous spree in Isla Vista, California, last month, without feeling some empathy for his parents.

We know that his mother, alarmed by some of his misogynistic YouTube videos, made a call that resulted in the police visiting Rodger. The headline from that meeting was that Rodger, seemingly calm and collected, easily deflected the police's attention. But there was surely a subtext: How worried - how desperate, really - must a mother be to believe the police should be called on her own son?

We also learned that on the day of his murderous rampage, his mother, having read the first few lines of his "manifesto," had phoned his father, from whom she was divorced. In separate cars, they raced from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara hoping to stop what they feared was about to happen.

And then, on Monday, in a remarkably detailed article in The New York Times, we learned the rest of it. How Rodger was clearly a troubled soul before he even turned 8 years old. How his parents' concern about his mental health was like a "shadow that hung over this Los Angeles family nearly every day of Elliot's life." Constantly bullied and unable to fit in, he went through three

high schools. In college, he tried to throw a girl off a ledge at a party - and was beaten up. ("I'm going to kill them," he said to a neighbor afterward.) He finally retreated to some Internet sites that "drew sexually frustrated young men," according to The Times. Throughout, said one person who knew Rodger, "his mom did everything she could to help Elliot." But what his parents never did was the one thing that might have prevented him from buying a gun: have him committed to a psychiatric facility. California's tough gun laws notwithstanding, a background check would have caught him only if he had had inpatient mental health treatment, made a serious threat to an identifiable victim in the presence of a therapist, or had a criminal record. He had none of the above.

Should his parents have taken more steps to have him treated? Could they have? It is awfully hard to say, even in retrospect. On the one hand, there were plainly people who knew him who feared that he might someday harm others. On the other hand, those people weren't psychiatrists. He was a loner, a misfit, whose parents were more fearful of how the world would treat their son than how their son would treat the world. And his mother, after all, did reach out for help, and the police responded and decided they had no cause to arrest him or even search his room, where his guns were hidden.

Once again, a mass killing has triggered calls for doing something to keep guns away from the mentally ill. And, once again, the realities of the situation convey how difficult a task that is. There are, after all, plenty of young, male, alienated loners - the now-standard description of mass shooters - but very few of

them become killers.

And you can't go around committing them all because a tiny handful might turn out to be killers. Indeed, the law is very clear on this point. In 1975, the Supreme Court ruled that non-dangerous mentally ill people can't be confined against their will if they can function without confinement. "In California, the bar is very high for people like Elliot," said Dr. E. Fuller Torrey, who founded the Treatment Advocacy Center. In a sense, California's commitment to freedom for the mentally ill conflicts with its background-check law.

Torrey believes the country should involuntarily commit more mentally ill people, not only because they can sometimes commit acts of violence but because there are far more people who can't function in the world than the mental health community likes to acknowledge.

In this, however, he is an outlier. The mainstream sentiment among mental health professionals is that there is no going back to the bad-old days when people who were capable of living on their own were locked up for years in mental hospitals. The truth is, the kind of symptoms Elliot Rodger showed were unlikely to get him confined in any case. And without a history of confinement, he had every legal right to buy a gun.

You read the stories about Elliot Rodger and it is easy to think: If this guy, with all his obvious problems, can slip through the cracks, then what hope is there of ever stopping mass shootings?

But, of course, there is another way of thinking about this. Instead of focusing on making it harder for the mentally ill to get guns, maybe we should be making it harder to get guns, period. Something to consider before the next mass shooting. □

Chef Jeremiah Tower Finds Third Act in Mexico

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MERIDA, Mexico (AP) — Jeremiah Tower plunged through the seafood aisles of this city's central covered market, wrinkling his nose at a pile of limp grey sharks before his gaze landed on a pair of plump and glistening freshly caught octopus.

The man who once ran two of America's most famous kitchens popped his first purchase into a monogrammed tote bag, then moved on to find the rest of lunch — bright orange chilies, brown beans, radishes, black blood sausage and a thick slab of Yucatecan pork belly fried crisp in its own fat.

Finally, he ate a late breakfast of cochinita pibil — the famous shredded pork slow-roasted in orange juice — and tender chunks of suckling pig topped with crackling pieces of fried skin.

"I'm 100 percent satisfied and it cost me \$3," he declared. Making food like this is "all I ever tried to do," he said.

Tower made his name during the '70s at Alice Waters' Chez Panisse, the famed Berkeley, California, restaurant that helped spawn a fresh-local renaissance in American cooking. He later became one of the first modern celebrity chefs at Stars, a San Francisco brasserie he says grossed \$9 million a year serving cornmeal blinis and truffled lobster to Luciano Pavarotti, Barbra Streisand and other luminaries of '80s and '90s.

Now Tower's third act is underway in the capital of Yucatan, the tropical Gulf Coast state whose richly spiced, fat-laden and pork-heavy Mayan cuisine has produced what Tower calls a handful of world-class dishes. It's a very different life. The 71-year-old shops local markets in the mornings, visits taco stands for lunch, spends his afternoons working on a new book, an illustrated dictionary of the historical intersection of food and sex.

"Stars was the place to be and such an important restaurant in culinary history and then it dissipated and Jeremiah sort of disappeared off the scene," said Dana Cowin, editor-in-chief of Food and Wine

magazine. "There are not a lot of people like that. Jeremiah was one of the great founders, or if you want to say philosophers, of the idea of California cuisine." Tower acknowledges missing the glamor of days when he was one of America's best-known chefs. And he regrets the missed opportunities to capitalize on fame, something today's top chefs seem so adept at.

"When things are great, some people they don't pay any attention. What I should have done? The list is so long," he says. "I never thought about how to turn this into \$40 million, unfortunately," he says, gesturing at the remains of a lunch of braised octopus in black mole and pork belly on sauteed brown beans with chili-lime sauce and fresh radish salsa.

But he doesn't regret leaving California. "There's nothing worse than an old tired chef hanging around waiting for something to happen," he says.

As Tower tells it, the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake



American chef Jeremiah Tower prepares the kitchen at his home after shopping at local markets in Merida, Mexico. Tower said he sees his book, working title "Sexual Eating," as a remedy to the over-serious treatment of food by modern American chefs, critics and consumers, the unfortunate extension of a trend that he helped create.

(AP Photo/Dario Lopez-Mills)

He moved to Greenwich Village, but after 9/11 headed to New Orleans. He was scuba diving in Cozumel, Mexico, when Hurricane Katrina hit and destroyed most of his pos-

a couple of suitcases. "I can move in four hours in a pickup."

Before the global economic crash, Tower, who has an architecture degree from Harvard, bought, reno-

Stars, where he turned the dining experience into theater, once flew an employee to Paris to prove that the chicken there was better and, as he tells it, even put thousands of dollars of Veuve Clicquot Champagne on the curb because it wasn't fresh enough for him.

The food world, of course, has moved on, though Tower still travels to eat and keep abreast of trends. He finds the current obsession with molecular gastronomy interesting, noting that the scientific techniques that allow chefs to create flavored smokes and foams are reminiscent of the elaborate French cuisine that was revolutionized by his hero Auguste Escoffier during the 19th century.

And Tower's star may be rising again. He's embraced social media, is working with partners to develop a seasonal restaurant on a farm on Orcas Island, Washington, and Anthony Bourdain — who credits Tower with transforming the way Americans eat — is working on a documentary about him.

"He's a hero of mine," Bourdain says. "Jeremiah was a true innovator, an important original, and probably the first American chef anyone wanted to see in the dining room. He was an integral part of a power shift that has changed menus all over the world."



American chef Jeremiah Tower prepares a dish of octopus lightly sautéed with local Xcatic peppers, cilantro and olive oil at his home in Merida, Mexico.

(AP Photo/Dario Lopez-Mills)

was the first in a series of natural and man-made disasters that pushed him from San Francisco to New York to New Orleans to his new home in Mexico. The destruction in San Francisco's Civic Center devastated business for Stars, which he said lost \$9 million in four years after the quake.

sessions. Tower stayed in Mexico and a few months later, he says, Hurricane Wilma destroyed most of what he had left.

The man who once owned an apartment in San Francisco, a house outside the city and a warehouse full of art and furniture, now can fit his possessions into

vated and sold a series of colonial homes around central Merida. Now, when he's not writing, he takes the bus to the Caribbean coast for days-long scuba diving trips, a post-restaurant life hobby he says has become a passion.

He said he doesn't miss much about the days of